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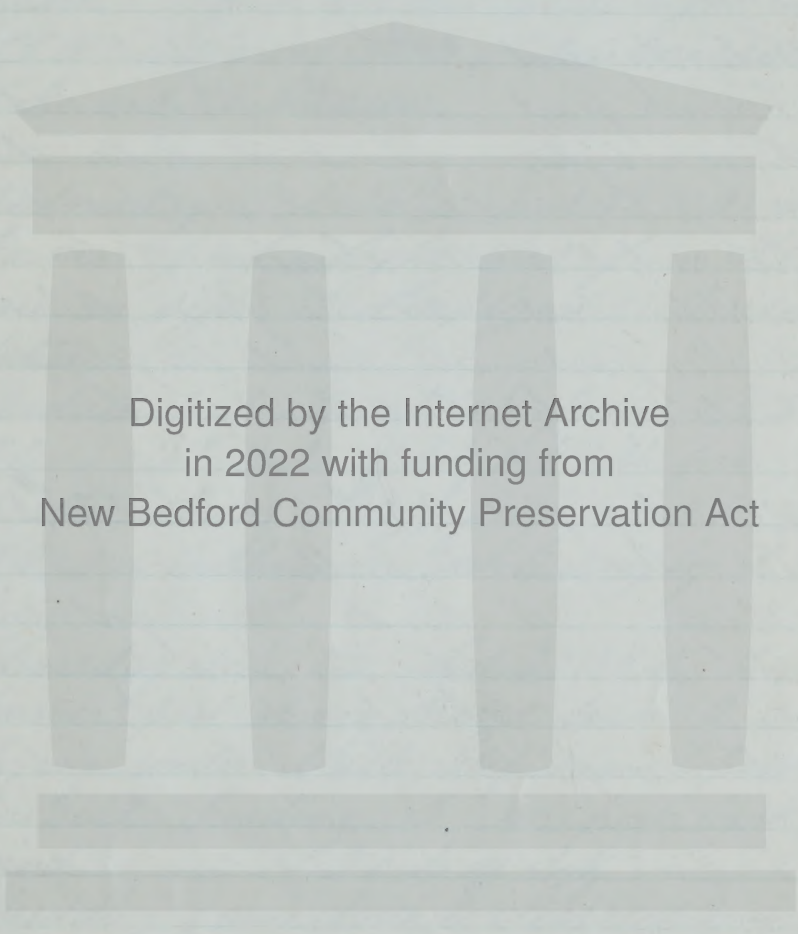

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Remarks on board Bk. Stafford

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Friday Oct. 21st Lat Lon
Latter part about 9 P.M. all hands being on board got underway and proceeded down the bay with 24 men all told bound on a whaling voyage to the Atlantic & Indian Oceans

Saturday Oct 22nd Lat Lon
Former part weather fine, wind from N.W. light, about 10 P.M. discharged our pilot. Chose our watches and proceeded to sea steering S.E.
Middle part weather fine Wind NW by N
Latter part all hands employed in getting boats ready for whaling. Manned Masthead

Sunday Oct 23rd Lat 40° 28' Lon 69° 19'
Former part Weather fine. Wind WbyN steady, all hands employed in getting the boats ready for whaling saw 3 sails bound to Eastward
Middle part, weather fine wind steady from W.N.W. steering S.S.E.
Latter part fine weather saw a sail bound to the eastward

Monday Oct 24th Lat 38, 12 N. Lon 68° 9'
First fine weather wind about N steering S.E. saw nothing
Middle strong breeze took in top gallant sails steering S.S.E. by the wind on port tack
Latter Weather fine from the eastward broke out in port and overhauled the run

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Tuesday Oct 25th Lat. 37, 24 N Lon. 65, 47 W
First fine weather with strong breeze from the eastward lashed the cutting spendants aloft and saw new main topsail braces
Ship on starboard heading N by E
Middle moderate breeze from E & S E
Latter fine weather with light airs from S S W steering N E saw one sail.
Broke out Molasses

Wednesday Oct 26th Lat. 38, 10 N Lon. 65, 20 W
Former part light airs from S S W one sail in sight. Employed in various ship duties
Middle part moderate from W N W steering N E 3rd mate off duty sick with fever
Latter, strong breeze from N N W heading N E saw nothing. Watch employed variously

Thursday Oct 27th Lat 39, 50 N, Lon 63, 27 W
Former part strong breeze from N and E laying under double reef main topsail and foresail heading E on port tack by the wind 3 mate off duty
Middle came down to close reef main topsail
Latter part set foretopsail and courses heading E on port tack, saw a ship off weather beam

Friday Oct 28th Lat. 39, 28 N Lon, 61, 22 W
Former, strong breeze from N W & E laying on port tack under double reef topsails and foresail
Middle light wind from E N E
Latter part wind N W, steering E N E saw a steamer bound W. Broke out for flour beef, and rice

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Remarks of board Bk Stafford

Saturday Oct 29th Lat 40.00 N Lon 57.07 W
Former part strong breeze from W.S.W. steering E by E. heavy squalls of rain
Middle. strong breeze from W steering E
Latter part strong breeze from WNW steering E by N under double reef topsails and foresail. Made new guy block strops and otherwise variously employed

Sunday Oct 30th Lat 41.06 N Lon 57.45 W
First moderate from WNW steering ESE with frequent showers of rain
Watch employed making scrub teeth
Middle. heavy weather from NE steering ESE under double reef main topsail
Latter part heavy weather strong from N & W steering ESE with no weather for whaling so ends this day.

Monday Oct 31st Lat N. 41.18 Lon W. 55.12
First heavy weather from NW steering SE by E under double reef topsails and foresail saw nothing
Middle. strong breeze heading E
Latter part moderate from NNW steering ESE sent up guy blocks and cutting pendants

Tuesday Nov 1st Lat. 41.20 N Lon. 48.17 W
Former moderate from N steering ESE saw nothing watch employed variously Middle light baffling winds
Latter part. moderate heading ESE Love here cutting falls and other ways employed

Wednesday Nov 2nd Lat 41, 27 N Lon 48, 14 W
First strong breeze from S S W heading S E
under double reef topsails and fore sail saw a
sail bound to westward, reeve new fore tacks
and overhauled the try pots
Middle heavy squalls from S W furled main topsail
Latter part moderate from N W steering S W
set up jib & fly jib stays saw nothing

Thursday Nov 3rd Lat 41, 50 N Lon 46, 40 W
First moderate steering S W set up
the backstays fore and main
Middle moderate from N W steering W S W
Latter part moderate steering the same
broke pork meal and cheese so ends this
day saw one school of porpoises

Friday Nov 4th Lat 40, 15 N Lon 49, 53 W
Former part moderate as above saw
another school of porpoise, set up and
strunded fore top gallant back stays they
were very poor had been started before.
Middle moderate steering N W W
Latter part strong breeze from S S E heading
E on starboard tack under double reef topsails
and courses, saw 2 sails bound E
broke out bread and started cask water

Saturday Nov 5th Lat 40, 58 N Lon 47, 56 W
First strong from S S E on starboard tack
took in jib spanker main sail watch
employed variously
Middle strong breeze from S heading E S E
Latter part wind and weather the same
saw a grampus, 3rd mate returned to duty

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Sunday Nov 6th Lat Lon
First heavy weather from the southward heading by the wind on starboard tack under double reef main topsail and foresail with no weather for whaling nor nothing else
Middle, strong breeze from N N W steering S S E
Latter part strong breeze from the same quarter heading the same saw nothing

Monday Nov 7th Lat Lon,
First strong breeze from N N W steering S S E about 3 Oclock P M raised Sperm whales going to windward quick, lowered the Larboard boat in chase but never saw any thing from boat after lowering, failing to see signals from ship
Middle, working to windward after the whales strong breeze from N
Latter part on the wind on starboard tack about 10 A M squared away S S W

Tuesday Nov 8th Lat 40, 18 N Lon 45, 18 W
First, about 2 P M raised a large school of Sperm whales going about N W lowered Larboard and waist boats in chase
Larboard boat went on but boatsteer waited too long when whales roused up and knocked him off his feet and away they went to windward after which raised those whales to leeward when waist boat struck after which Starboard & Larboard boats fastened turned them up

on outward passage 1870

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Tuesday Nov 8th
Middle part got [illegible] whales along side including one picked up [illegible] making in all 4 got supper about 10 P M after which I got ready for cutting and cut one by [illegible]
Latter part cutting in weather fair so ends this day

Wednesday Nov 9th Lat 40,20 n Lon 45,13 w
First Clearing away and getting ready for boiling but weather rainy and did not start the works broke out beef
Middle strong breeze from eastward and rainy
Latter part strong heavy weather with a bad sea running also heavy rains squalls

Thursday Nov 10th Lat Lon
First weather moderated a little and cleared away 2 heads but wind shifted around to westward in heavy squalls of wind and rain and a heavy sea running we shipped a great deal of water it is a very nasty time she makes bad weather of it for her
Middle. weather a little better about 4 A M started the works
Latter part. boiling. wind E S E

Friday Nov. 11th Lat. Lon,
First. weather growing worse but still boiling wind S E broke out flour butter and oil
Middle weather bad shipped a great deal of water and put out fires so cooled [illegible]
Latter part. blowing a gale from S S E laying on port tack heading S W so ends this day with no signs of better weather

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Nov 12th Lat Lon
First about 4 P.M. weather a little better cut up the last head. wind hauling to the westward wore ship heading E.S.E. and set foresail
Middle part weather better about 3 A.M. started the works again. wind N.W. steering S.S.E.
Latter part wind and [illegible] the same boiling and cutting up blubber

Sunday Nov. 13th Lat. 42.05 Lon. 40.36
First weather good heavy swell. Employed boiling steering S.E.
Middle. boiling steering the same
Latter part. boiling. weather fine

Monday 14th Lat 39.59 N Lon 40.30 W
First. boiling. steering S.E. with all sail
Middle. finished boiling
Latter part. weather good from S.S.E. steering by the wind on starboard tack saw a whaler off our lee beam. about 11 A.M. raised a school of whales going about E. the whaler we saw had been into them

Tuesday Nov 15th Lat 39.29 N Lon 40.25 W
First about 10 o'clock lowered away the boats and in about 15 minutes after larboard boat struck a 40 bbl bull turned him up and took him along side, the other boats chasing
Middle boats returned got ready for cutting and run what oil we had into the ground tier hooked on to whale and turned in for the night
Latter part finished cutting in and stowed 4 [illegible] cooper off duty sick and one man forward

Whale outward bound 1870

Wednesday Nov 16th Lat 38, 48 N Lon 39, 01 W
First cleared away the case and started the
decks weather fair from S E
Middle, cutting up junk and boiling
Latter part. boiling and clearing up generaly
cook and 2 men off duty

Thursday Nov 17th Lat 41, 39 N Lon 38, 30 W
First weather fine from S E on port tack heading
S S W by the wind broke for sugar rice molasses pork
and beef boiling.
Middle Light airs from the S E, boiling,
Latter part weather the same, boiling
and plenty of pinbacks cook on duty again

Friday Nov 18th Lat 40, 33 Lon 38 38
First Light airs as above saw a school of
blackfish hove to about 2 P M & raised a sperm
Whale going about W by N quick, lowered
the starboard & larst boats in chase but did
not make out to gain much on him before
sundown employed boiling
Middle — finish boiling. weather fine
Latter part, broke out 2 coils of towline and a
cask of bread weather good wind as
steering S S E

Saturday Nov 19th Lat Lon
First. weather the same as above employed
clearing up generaly steering S S E
more [illegible] topmast staysail sheets
Middle steering S E & wind as saw a steamer
Latter part. weather good saw 2 sails bound E
employed variously steering S E. so ends this day
had 2 pinbacks

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Sunday Nov 20th Lat 38,50 Lon 34,30
First cooperred our oil on deck about 9 AM
weather a little stronger from WNW steering ESE
can not sail 70 Lbs good
Middle and latter part moderate
steering ESE wind about NW Sea running

Monday Nov 21st Lat 38,50 N Lon,
First moderate breeze from NW steering ESE
Middle part strong breeze from NW steering ESE
Latter part Fresh strong breeze from SSW
raised the Island of Fayal steering SE
employed in getting ready to anchor.

Tuesday Nov 22nd Lat. Lon,
First about 5 PM came to an anchor
off Fayal in about 15 fathoms of water with
both anchors ahead and 90 fathoms of chain
each. Bark Fredonia at anchor hauling
by line bound to Boston took our letters and sport
Latter part sent out casks for water and started
No 1 cordage cask

Wednesday Nov 23rd
First sent casks ashore all for oil
and broke out the oil covered it preparatory
to landing it on board schooner Sarah A Reed
for Boston
Latter part blowing strong from SW could not ship oil

Thursday Nov 24th
First Blowing strong stowed off after hatch
gave her all Starboard chain saw a bark standing
to northward boiling. the William L Henry.

While on western ground outward bound 1870

Thursday Nov 24
Latter part discharged our 3d Mate [illegible]
vich [illegible] and [illegible] 74 lbs 1 Bale of Spun Yarn
[illegible] and [illegible] Yarn & Read of Boston in
good order and condition, [illegible]

Friday Nov 25th
First Mr. Lowell, sent down with his [illegible]
received on board a lot of Sweet Potatoes and Pumpkins
arrived to day [illegible] Porto Rico, 17 days [illegible]
[illegible] Ballard
Latter part got off our water 44 bbls and shipped
a 3rd Mate from Shore

Saturday Nov 26th
First employed stowing down water intended
to get underway but have strong breeze from the
southward and it is kind of risky business to try it
it being late before we through stowing off.
Latter part blowing heavy windbound

Sunday Nov 27th
First blowing strong wind right in our teeth employed
variously
Latter part about 8 A M manned the windlass
and hove up our port and tripped our starboard
anchors and dropped down out of [illegible]

Monday Nov 28th
First made sail hove up and bade adieu to Key
for the present bound for Indian ocean direct
steering SSW wind about W. our new 3d mate
Mr. Silva came on board this day.
Middle strong breeze heading about S wind about
WSW

1870 Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Monday Nov 28th
Latter part strong breeze from WSW heading about S employed variously

Tuesday Nov 29th Lat 38.08 N Lon 26.06 W
First had strong breeze with all light sails furled heading about S by the wind on Starboard tack saw nothing employed bracing sails
Middle strong breeze from SW
Latter part heading about SE on starboard tack saw a school of porpoise, employed variously

Wednesday Nov 29th Lat Lon
First weather mild with a steady breeze from SW. heading about SE, saw a finback Watch employed in various ship duties started a cask of flour 195 found 2 stowaway this after noon 1 man and a boy they say they belong to Fayal came on board unbeknown to us some time while we were at anchor, Middle part strong breeze from SW Latter part strong breeze from the same quarter started a place in the fore topsail employed in various ship duties

Thursday Dec 1st Lat 34.05 N Lon 19.56 W
First strong breeze from the SW saw one sail bound into NW employed variously sewed a patch on foretopsail we are under single reef main and close reef fore topsail heading SE by compass, Middle wind hauled to westward. steering SW
Latter part weather fine wind NW steering SW employed variously

Royal Edward Cape Good Hope 1870

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Friday Dec 2nd Lat 32, 42 N Lon 12, 31 W
First fine weather from NW steering SW with all sail set employed in setting up bobstays new lanyards the old being badly chafed and nothing of account but one sail bound Southward
Middle weather fine from NW & steering SW
Latter part set up backropes and jib guys and otherwise employed weather good fine N.E.

Saturday [illegible] Lat 31, 02 N Lon 20, 02 W
First fine from N by E steering SW employed variously took out water
Middle wind hauled forward heading her course
Latter part fine pleasant day and employed as before

Sunday Dec 4th Lat 29, 32 W Lon 20, 44 W
First weather fine heading SW carried A.I.C. [illegible] struck N.E. trades employed variously
Middle and Latter part fine steady breeze from the same quarter with frequent showers of rain, steering SW

Monday Dec 5th Lat 26 30 N Lon 21, 55 W
First weather fine from NNE steering SW saw nothing
Middle and Latter part light airs from WNW employed in various [illegible] straightened up the Mizzen Topmast saw 2 humpbacks

Tuesday Dec 6th Lat 24, 30 N Lon 22, 07 W
First light airs and calms fitted fly jib stay saw a finback, rebent sails to the main
Latter part sent down spanker and cut off foot raised a school of Blackfish lowered and each boat got one [illegible] had light and baffling winds

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Wednesday Dec 7th Lat 24,25 N Lon 93,00 W
First light airs from southward sail one sail
bound to northward, sent spanker and
cleared away on blackfish, ground appears likely
Middle and latter part Squally from the
southward take out fork

Thursday Dec 8th Lat 24,30 N Lon 94,24 W
First came down to double reef topsail reefed
fit and spanker stiff breeze with some rain
saw one sail also 2 finbacks
Middle made sail weather a little better are
now on port tack heading SW
Latter part light airs and calm saw plenty of
finbacks Kept covered and struck one but
iron drawed, employed boiling blackfish

Friday Dec 9th Lat 23,54 N Lon 94,57 W
First light airs from the northward saw 1 lb
finfish boiling made about 9 lbs
Middle and latter part light and baffling
winds employed variously about boat

Saturday Dec 10th Lat 22,50 N Lon 95,05 W
First calm saw a school of porpoise fitted
fore topmast stay sail sheets
Middle & latter part light baffling from southward
took out flour saw porpoise and finbacks

Sunday Dec 11th Lat 22,05 N Lon 94,26 W
First light airs from S southward employed
variously sent up main royal yard
Middle and latter part light airs and calm
saw a humpback

Royal Southward Bound Cape Good Hope

Monday Dec 12th Lat 21, 28 N Lon 23, 53 W
First light airs and calms steered Northward part in chase of humpback got pretty handy 2 or 3 times but did not fasten
Latter part fine moderate weather from about E and saw one sail bound NW employed in making new jib pendants

Tuesday Dec 13th Lat 20, 44 N Lon 24, 35 W
First moderate breeze from E by E steering SW by W rove new maintopsail halliards and set up main topmast spring stay, saw porpoise & grampus
Latter part moderate from E by E steering SW by W saw porpoises. employed in various duties

Wednesday Dec 14th Lat 19, 04 N Lon 25, 27 W
First moderate from the eastward, saw nothing broke out beef
Middle and Latter parts moderate breeze from eastward steering S by E saw nothing employed variously

Thursday Dec 15th Lat 17, 16 N Lon 25, 28 W
First moderate [illegible] steering the same struck down one blackfish nil into bl. bbers. overhauled purchase tackle. struck a porpoise but lost him
Middle & Latter part light airs from E by E steering S by W employed variously

Friday Dec 16th Lat 16, 30 Lon
First light airs from NE steering SSW saw nothing spliced in the foretopgallant backstays
Middle & latter parts moderate weather from the eastward steering SSW saw a bark bound to eastward employed in answering Spunyarn also broke out for water

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Saturday Dec 17th Lat 14, 32 N Lon 25, 37 W
First Moderate from SE steering SSW
employed making spunyarn
Middle and Latter part Light winds from ESE
saw several humpbacks Broke out slop cask

Sunday Dec 18th Lat 13, 10 N Lon 25, 27 W
First moderate from eastward steering SSW
employed making spunyarn and washing ship
Latter part moderate from NE steering SW

Monday Dec 19th Lat 11, 20 N Lon 26, 32 W
First moderate from ENE steering SW saw
one sail steering [illegible] & also saw finbacks
Middle and Latter part steering SbyW
employed variously. saw one sail

Tuesday Dec 20th Lat 9, 24 N Lon 26, 23 W
First fine breeze from the eastward steering
SbyW employed in various ship duties.
Middle & Latter part strong winds from E to
SE Coarse SbyW employed variously

Wednesday Dec 21st Lat 07, 15 Lon
First strong breeze from the eastward with frequent
showers of rain. Heading from S to SW on port tack
with light sails furled except main t'gallant sail
Middle & Latter part moderate from the eastward
employed variously

Thursday Dec 22nd Lat 5, 18 N Lon 25, 56 W
First [illegible] steering SbyW broke out [illegible]
and fitted mid straps on davit tackles
Middle & Latter part heavy squalls of wind &
rain from the eastward coarse SbyW

Fayal southward Toward Cape of Good Hope

Friday 23rd Lat 4, 18 N Lon 26, 24 W
First strong breeze from the E S E with considerable
rain saw one sail bound to the southward,
Middle & Latter parts equally with rain filled
2 casks with rain water. saw 2 sails

Saturday. Dec 24th Lat Lon
First baffling winds with rain saw 3 sails
fitted new jib tack
Middle & Latter part moderate with rain saw
3 sails. assorted over our potatoes

Sunday Dec 25th Lat Lon
First baffling winds and heavy squalls of rain
broke out beef and filled another cask of water
Middle heavy squalls of rain
Latter part fine breeze from E heading S by W

Monday Dec 26th Lat 2, 20 N Lon 27, 20 W
First Variable winds with rain saw blackfish
also saw 5 sails Middle moderate
Latter part moderate from S by W heading S W by W
broke out pork and overhauled fly jib footropes

Tuesday 27th Lat 1, 13 N Lon 28, 09
First moderate from from S E, saw 5 sails, employed
variously, Middle light airs from S E
Latter part moderate employed on various duties

Wednesday Dec 28th Lat 0, 17 S Lon 28, 18 W
First Moderate overhauled the footropes on foregaff
also the jib footropes saw 4 schools of blackfish also
saw 5 sails, Middle fine breeze heading S W
Latter part fine breeze from the S S E by the wind on
port tack. Employed variously, saw 5 sails.

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Remarks on Board Bk Stafford from

Thursday Dec. 29th Lat 2,00 S Lon 30, 30 W
First fine breeze heading SWbS on port tack
by the wind employed in overhauling the rigging
Middle & Latter part fine breeze heading from
SbE to SbW employed overhauling rigging saw 2 sails

Friday Dec. 30th Lat 1,04 S Lon 31, 24
First fine breeze from SE employed making spunyarn
and overhauling rigging made new life rope forward
Middle & Latter part fine breeze, heading SbW
employed variously overhauled fore topsail footropes

Saturday Dec 31st Lat 6,37 S Lon 31, 49 W
First fine from SEbE heading SbW broke
out flour rice sugar vinegar & beans saw 4 sails
Middle & Latter part fine steady breez from
ESE employed making spunyarn broke out
dried apples saw 4 sails

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Sunday Jan. 1st Lat 9,16 S Lon 32,02 W
First fine steady trades heading S on port tack
employed variously saw porpoise
Middle & Latter part wind & weather the same
set up rigging top gallant head stay

Monday Jan. 2nd Lat 12, 09 S Lon 31, 26 W
First fine with strong trades from E heading SbE
saw one sail, Middle & Latter parts strong
breez from eastward heading SbE employed
variously sent down main footropes

Tuesday Jan. 3rd Lat 14,56 S Lon 30, 39 W
First fine breeze from same quarter sent down
fore topsail yards and new feathered them saw one sail

the line Southward toward Cape Good Hope

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Tuesday Jan. 3rd
Latter part fine breeze heading S½E employed overhauling lifts & footropes saw 2 sails

Wednesday Jan. 4th Lat 17, 22 S Lon 28, 43 E
First fine weather from eastward heading S½E by the wind on port tack employed variously Middle and Latter part moderate from same quarter employed making spunyarn saw 2 sails

Thursday Jan. 5th Lat 17, 41 S Lon 30, 20 E
First strong breeze with frequent rain squalls made new gasket to foretopgallant-yard also fitted footropes. heading from S½E to S½W broke out beef Middle and Latter heading S S E by the wind on port tack weather rather squally. employed variously

Friday Jan. 6th Lat 22.06 S Lon 29, 21 E
First weather good heading S E. reefed main topgallant sail, and knotting yarns for spunyarn Middle & Latter parts moderate heading from S E to S W by the wind on port tack, broke out bread flour & codfish also caught a porpoise

Saturday Jan 7th Lat 22, 37 S Lon 28, 57 E
First moderate from S E made new fly jib from duck and making spunyarn saw nothing Middle & Latter parts moderate heading S W broke out bread & flour on port side & coopered it 14 casks in all

Sunday Jan 8th Lat 24.05 S Lon W 29, 14
First moderate from the same quarter heading the same finished stowing back in main hold Middle & Latter parts moderate. saw nothing

Remarks on board of Bk Stafford from

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Monday Jan 9th Lat N. 26,09 Lon W. 29,25
First Moderate from eastward heading about
S, saw a large white water proved of no account
saw one sail, Middle & Latter part good
breeze from ESE heading about S. saw 2 sails
broke out flour & head on starboard side & cooperd

Tuesday Jan 10th Lat S 28,20 Lon W 29,09
First good breeze heading S. employed variously
Middle & Latter parts Good breeze heading about
SE by S. employed variously. saw 1 sail

Wednesday Jan 11th Lat S. 30,31 Lon W. 38
First strong breeze heading SE by the wind on
port tack, made new chitting stage. saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate heading E by
S sent down fore topgallant lifts saw 2 sails

Thursday Jan 12th Lat S. 31,10 Lon W. 26,10
First about calm saw a grampus, fitted the main
stay and set it up.
Middle & Latter parts Moderate heading from
E by S to S saw porpoises, also 1 sail

Friday Jan. 13th Lat 31,26 Lon W 25,34
First Moderate from the eastward employed
variously mended main staysail broke out beef &
Middle & Latter parts calm employed in
making curtains to our bay awning

Saturday Jan 14th Lat S. 32,09 . Lon W 24,55
First Calm finished the awning saw 6 sails
Middle & Latter parts Moderate heading
SE broke out water saw 3 sails

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The Line southward toward Cape Good Hope

Sunday Jan 15th Lat 32,32,S Lon, W, 24,08
First light airs from NE heading E.S.E employed in various ship duties saw 3 sails but no whales
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm

Monday Jan 16th Lat S. 32,32 Lon, W, 23,48
First light airs from E.S.E heading S.W saw 2 sails
Middle & latter parts moderate heading about S.E overhauled cutting block strop the lower blocks found them in pretty good state the strop itself

Tuesday Jan 17th Lat S 32,37 Lon, W, 23,08
First fine breeze from the N.N.E steering S.E by E saw 3 sails, fitting lower blocks to cutting tackle
Middle & Latter part fine breeze from N.N.E steering E.S.E. fitting strops to cutting blocks broke out for flour & molasses

Wednesday, Jan. 18th Lat. S. 33,57 Lon W. 19,43
First fine breeze from the same quarter heading the same finished cutting blocks saw 1 sail
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from N.N.E heading E by E employed variously saw nothing

Thursday Jan 19th Lat S. 34,48 Lon, W, 16,10
First strong breeze steering E by S weather showery fitted flemish horse on fore topsail yard
Middle & Latter parts moderate employed in overhauling brace pendants. saw nothing

Friday Jan 20th Lat S. 34,23 Lon W 14,33
First Calm with rain showers saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the N.E. saw nothing employed overhauling blocks

Remarks on board Bk Stafford outward

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Saturday Jan 21st Lat S 35.09 Lon W 13.24
First good breeze from NNW steering SE
employed in making for cross jack yard
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the N
sent up cross jack yard saw a whaler

Sunday Jan 22nd Lat S 36.12 Lon W 10.45
First fine breeze steering SE wind NNE. Spoke
the bark S B Phillips of New London had
seen whales 5 times 70 bls this cruise also
saw the Bng ship Beide. broke out beef
Middle & Latter part strong breeze with rain
from SW steering SE by E. saw nothing

Monday Jan 23rd Lat S 36.04 Lon W 7.08
First strong wind from NW steering ESE
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from SSW
steering ESE broke out butter 2 dried apples

Tuesday Jan 24th Lat S 35.58 Lon W 3.26
First strong breeze from the same quarter steering SE
rove new fore brace on starboard side & new main brace &
block straps Middle & Latter parts strong breez
from SSW steering SE by E broke out water

Wednesday Jan 25th Lat S 36.00 Lon E 00.04
First strong breeze from S by E heading E by S.
rove new main topgallant sheets also strap around
head of foremast for cutting jigs
Middle & Latter parts heading from SE to NE
filled fore topsail and overhauling blocks

Thursday Jan 26th Lat S Lon E
First strong breeze from W steering SSW. overhauling bl

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Bound in vicinity of Cape Good Hope

Thursday Jan 26th
Middle & Latter parts strong breze steering S S E
broke out meat & flour also 1 bbl of beef

Feiday Jan 27th Lat 35.11 Lon 5.07 E.
First fine breze from the westward steering S S E
Middle wind hauled around to S heading E S E
by the wind under double reef topsails & Courses
Latter part turned out reefs employed variously

Saturday Jan 28th Lat S 35.18 Lon 8.28 E
First strong breze heading about S E on port
tack by the wind employed cleaning own work
Middle & Latter part strong breze heading S E
by the wind on port tack had a finback

Sunday Jan 29th Lat S Lon E
First moderate with heavy swell from S
heading S E Gasted foot rope on fore top gallant sail
Middle & Latter parts moderate heading S E by S

Monday Jan 30th Lat S Lon E
First light air from the S W heading S E by S saw
finbacks weather cool
Middle & Latter part fresh breze steering S E by S
put new footrope on fore top. sail saw nothing

Tuesday Jan 31st Lat. S. 38 25 Lon 13. 30 E
First strong breze steering S E. by compass.
fitted backropes and broke out a bbl of pork
Middle & Latter part moderate from the S W
steering S E employed variously

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

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Wednesday Feb. 1st Lat S. 40.04 Lon. E. 17.04
First Moderate Steering S E by S broke out Water
Middle & Latter parts steady breeze from S W
steering S E by E employed overhauling Blocks

Thursday Feb 2nd Lat S 39.52 Lon E 20.20
First Moderate steering S E by E employed
variously saw Porpoises
Middle & Latter parts wind unsteady from
S to W saw S. by E saw plenty of finbacks

Friday Feb 3rd Lat S. 40.40 Lon E 22.39
First squall with rain from S W. steering E S E
under whole Topsails and courses saw killers
Middle & Latter parts blowing strong from S W
steering E S E under double reef Topsails & courses

Saturday Feb 4th Lat S 39.52 Lon E 21.04
First Strong breeze steering E S E under all sail
employed variously saw porpoises
Middle & Latter Parts Moderate S W heading
E S E broke out Four beef & hogsheads

Sunday Feb 5th Lat S. Lon E.
First Moderate. saw grampuses & porpoise
Rove new main braces
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from E
heading S W on first tack by the wind

Monday Feb 6th Lat S 39.37 Lon E 21.27
First Strong breeze heading S E by S with fore
topgallant sail furled wind E by S
Middle & Latter parts Moderate through the
night at daylight breezed up in topgallant
sails & double reef topsails, E S E wind

Cape Good Hope eastward

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Tuesday Feb 7th Lat S 41,44 Lon E 24, 36
First steering half a gale heading S E by E under
double reef topsails & foresail employed variously
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from N E
heading E S E under double reef topsails & coarse

Wednesday Feb 8th Lat S Lon E
First wet disagreeable weather wind about N N E
set whole maintopsail heading about E by S
Middle & Latter parts weather a little better
heading E by S Wind about N N E

Thursday Feb 9th Lat S — Lon E
First rainy, wind from the N N E heading E
with main top gallant sail set saw Nothing
Middle & Latter parts rainy heading E with
all sail out employed in various ship duties

Friday Feb 10th Lat S 40,18 Lon E 13,33
First weather fine wind about N E by E saw
porpoises, employed variously
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze with fog &
rain came down to double reef main topsail & foresail

Saturday Feb 11th Lat S Lon E
First wind veered from E N E around to N W
set all sail steering E with heavy swell broke out
water parted and rove new main top gallant runner
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from W
steering E rove new spanker brings

Sunday Feb 12th Lat S 39,56 Lon E 9,55
First strong breeze from S steering E by S with all
sail out Middle & Latter parts furled T.G.S. sail
steering E by N with strong breeze

1871

Remarks on board Bk. Stafford outward

Monday Feb 13th Lat. S Lon E
First Weather cloudy wind from E & E heading E NE with light sails furled. saw nothing Middle & Latter parts on starboard tack heading E NE with light sails furled & 2 reefs in fore topsail broke out Bread flour beef beans & sugar

Tuesday Feb 14th Lat S Lo E
First cloudy set whole fore topsail and tacked ship heading S by E rove new jib sheets starboard side. Middle & Latter parts moderate tacked heading E by N. at daylight went about heading S. shortened fore topsail lifts

Wednesday Feb 15th Lat S 36,56 Lon E 54,22
First moderate, heading from S to SW on port tack sent in jib and repaired it. saw grampus Middle & Latter parts moderate heading S on port tack wind E SE employed variously

Thursday Feb. 16th Lat. S 38,28 Lon E 55,12
First cloudy heading S. wind light from E SE employed in various ship duties
Middle & Latter parts moderate heading S E saw nothing. employed variously

Friday Feb 17th Lat. S. 39, 36 Lon, E. 56.46
First moderate from E NE heading S E saw nothing so ends this day
Middle part moderate Latter part braced up from E by E heading S E came down to double reef topsails

Saturday Feb 18th
First rainy. with strong breeze and heavy swell steering S E by E

bound from Cape Good Hope eastward

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Saturday Feb 18th
Middle & Latter parts rainy Wind hauled around NW Made all sail steering SE

Sunday Feb 19th Lat S 41,2 Lon 63,55 E
First fine weather wind SE heading SEbE & with all sail set saw a large sulphur bottom Middle and Latter parts wind hauled around ahead heading NE on starboard tack by the wind

Monday Feb 20th Lat S 40,12 Lon E 66,0
First heading NE at 4 o'clock PM tacked heading S. saw plenty of finbacks
Middle & Latter parts wind hauled around from E SE to NE strong breeze heading ESE

Tuesday Feb 21st Lat S 41,00 Lon E 68,42
First strong breeze heading E on port tack carried away main top gallant yard by the mate hoisting or swaying up on halliards sent down the yard ~~down~~ at the fore and sent it up at main Latter part moderate from NbyW with frequent showers of rain employed in making new main top gallant yard took spare top gallant yard sent

Wednesday Feb 22nd Lat 39,2 S Lon E 70,55
First wind hauled around to S with frequent showers of rain finished top gallant yard and sent it up broke out dried apples saw a sail
Middle & Latter parts moderate from SSE broke out bread flour beef & water

Thursday Feb 23rd Lat Lon
First moderate with showers of rain from SSE saw nothing

Remarks on board Bk. Stafford.

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Thursday Feb 23rd
Latter part strong breeze from S S E heading E by the wind on starboard under double reef fore topsail and main topgallant sail

Friday Feb 24th Lat S 37.54 Lon E 75.30
First moderate, wind about S W heading S E saw a large white water off weather beam
Middle & Latter parts moderate, at daylight raised the island of Amsterdam bearing S E & E wind about S E light. broke out molasses

Saturday Feb 25th Lat 37.48 S Lon E 77.47
First moderate from the S E trying to work up under the land which is N.E. 12 miles distant bearing about S E saw finbacks
Latter part moderate a light breeze from the N E & land bearing about S E
broke out molasses

Sunday Feb 26th Lat Lon
First a breeze sprung up which enabled us to work up under the land, & lowered the larboard & waist boats and went in fishing
Middle part returned with about 3 hundred weight of fish and a few crawfish employed in cleaning & salting them through the night
Latter part strong breeze from about N steering E, saw a sail to windward

Monday Feb 27th Lat S 37.40 Lon E 77.48
First fine steering E by S wind about N
Wand bearing at daylight about W so here we are bound to the eastward again that sail supposed to be a whaler bound eastward

from Amsterdam island eastward

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Monday Feb 27th
Middle & Latter parts strong breze from the N by E steering E by S. Reached our 45th into Lat S.

Tuesday Feb 28th Lat S, 37, 22 Lon E 84, 55
First strong breze from the N by E heading E by S with fore top gallantsail & flying jib hauled had about 9 bbls of oil. Another day and no whales. Middle & Latter parts strong breze with rain from the Northward steering E by S under double reef topsails & coarses five men main topmast stays'l halliards

Wednesday Mar 1st Lat S Lon E
First strong breze from the N with heavy rain about 5 PM we wore & handed around to the eastward & set Main sail steering E by S soon after Middle part moderate from the N steering E Latter part calm. our old main topsail yard being all gone in slings with rot we had to send it down and make a new one took one of our spare spars and commenced on the new one

Thursday Mar 2nd Lat Lon
First part calm. broke out flour also employed on making new main topsail yard the stick we are making it of is very poor it being rotten in several places it is kind of dead it has no life in it at all it is a very miserable spar
Middle part calm finished topsail yard and sent it up. Latter part light wind with rain employed in fitting jib stay the band around the boom split off the shoulders so we had to reeve the stay through the boom and set it up to an eyebolt in the bow

Remarks on board Bark Stafford

Friday Mar. 3rd Lat S Lon E
First Moderate with rain wind baffling employed in setting up jib stay, also got the Fid topsail yard on end abaft the mainmast
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from the S & leading E. employed in various duties

Saturday Mar. 4th Lat S 35.16 Lon E 94.50
First strong breeze from the southward steering E with all sail set. employed various
Middle & Latter part fine breeze from S & E leading E & by the Wind, " ends Set the sail & hoisted

Sunday Mar. 5th Lat S 34.47 Lon E 98.03
First fine breeze from S & leading on starboard tack by the wind E & N E. saw porpoise
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the S S E steering E by N saw Nothing

Monday Mar 6th Lat S 32.56 Lon E 97.47
First. weather light from S S E steering E N E saw porpoises
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the S E & N E. employed in fitting jib boom

Tuesday Mar. 7th Lat S 32.18 Lon E 100.37
First about calm set up jib stay also guys & backropes, have nailed cleats on the jib boom to stop the jib & martingale guys from coming inboard broke out water. saw a sail at sundown
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calms sent down main topmast staysails for repairs. saw a sail steering about E S E

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from the Isle of Amsterdam eastward

Wednesday Mar. 8th Lat S 31.47 Lon E 101.66
First light airs from the westward steering E by E
finished topmast stay sail & bent it. saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the S by W
steering E by E broke out beef. & also twine and
canvas to mend sails saw nothing

Thursday Mar. 9th Lat 30.50 S Lon E 103.35
First fine breeze from the southward steering E by E
employed on various ship duties
Middle & Latter part. fine breeze from the S E
steering N E. employed variously saw porpoises

Friday Mar. 10th Lat S 28.34 Lon E 105.19
First strong breeze from the S E steering N E
watch employed making sennit. saw nothing.
Middle & Latter parts Strong breeze from the E by S
furled fore topgallant sail. steering N E. broke out pork

Saturday Mar. 11th Lat S 25.52 Lon E 107.16
First strong breeze from S E steering N E employed
variously saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from S E
heading N E. watch fitted slings to crossjack yard

Sunday Mar 12th Lat S 23.55 Lon E 109.11
First Moderate from S E steering N E. saw a
small white water
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the E by S
steering N E by N saw nothing

Monday Mar 13th Lat S 21.55 Lon E 110.32
First fine steady breeze from the S E steering N E by N
Middle & Latter parts fine from E by S steering N E by N
broke out molasses & water

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford on

Tuesday Mar 14th Lat S 12.26 Lon E 112.07
First fine steady breeze from the SE steering NE
Watch employed in making sennit
Middle & Latter parts fine from the same quarter,
broke out the arms and overhauled the muskets
and oiled them

Wednesday Mar 15th Lat S 17.15 Lon E 113.41
First fine weather from SE steering NE
employed in cleaning the bow boat davits, and
painting them struck a porpoise
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from SE steering
NE by E turned over the sub boat on the house
to get her ready to put on the cranes. broke
out bearers for bow boat and shipped them.

Thursday Mar 16th Lat S 16.07 Lon E 118.22
First part moderate from SE steering NE by E
employed in strapping blocks for bow boat
Middle & Latter part moderate steering NE
broke out beef also employed in cleaning iron work
on the windlass saw porpoises

Friday Mar 17th Lat S 15.06. Lon E 116.38
First moderate from the SSE steering NE
Employed on windlass saw porpoises
Middle & Latter parts about calm, sent down
mainsail for repairs saw porpoise & grampus

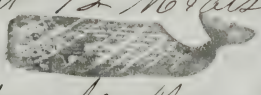
Saturday Mar 18th Lat S 14.16 Lon E 117.07
First Moderate breeze with light shower of rain
employed on mainsail
Middle & Latter parts about calm employed
on mainsail. struck a porpoise

passage outward in vicinity of E. of Australia 1871

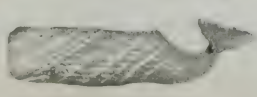
Sunday Mar 19th Lat S 15. 0 Lon E 117. 42
First light airs from E & E heading N E. Finished
mainsail and bent it broke out pickels
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the southward
steering E N E. saw plenty of porpoise

Monday Mar 20th Lat S 12.50 Lon E 118.10
First light baffling airs, saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts took a squall about 8 A M
from the E S E lasted about 1 hour broke out spice
vinegar and recruit cask No. 2. saw nothing

Tuesday Mar 21st Lat 12. 10 Lon E 118. 43
First [illegible] from the westward steering E N E
serve new falls to the bow boat davits [illegible]
Middle & Latter parts moderate steering N E
about 12 M raised sp whales going to the E N E



Wednesday Mear 22nd
First about 1 P M lowered the boats in chase
and shortly after larboard & starboard boats struck
when the whales fouled the line and parted and larboard
boat lost her whale, after which larboard
waist & starboard boats fastened again but again
larboard boat lost whale and line also, about 6 P M
boats returned the starboard and waist with 2
whales spice the larboard mimus whales & line
[illegible] coiled down new line for L. B and got
cutting gear ready
Latter parts at daylight hooked on and cut in one
whale, when about 7 A M raised whales again
Going about N E lowered down and larboard & starboard
boats struck and about 12 M returned with 3 whales



Remarks on board bark Stafford on

Thursday Mar 23rd Lat S 12,06 Lon E 120, 00
First Started works. and cutting out in 3
Whales and set watches for the night
Middle Moderate. boiling
Latter part calm cut in 2 whales also boiling

Friday Mar 24th Lat S Lon E
First finished cutting and unrove cutting gear
Middle boiling weather fine
Latter part calm, about 7 PM raised whales
going into NE lowered the boats in chase
and Cooled down the works

Saturday Mar 25th Lat S. Lon E
First part about calm boats returned with 3
Whales. after which started works and run
about 30 bbls down below
Middle. boiling
Latter part.
Cutting & boiling and clearing away casks

Sunday Mar 26th Lat S 11,44 Lon E 118, 33
First boiling and cutting up blubber also finished
cutting and unrove cutting gear have a light
breez from NE & heading NW by W on port tack
Middle raining heavy cooled down
Latter part cleared up, started works again
and finished cutting up blubber

Monday Mar 27th Lat S 12,56 Lon 115, 50 E
First weather good employed in running
down oil & boiling about 5 PM raised
Sp, whales going into NE lowered in chase but
came on dark and did not get any

outward passage to the southward of Australia

Monday Mar 27th Lat Lon
Middle part heavy rain squalls.
Latter part finished boiling and made sail
heading N wind about E by E

Tuesday Mar 28th Lat S 12,37 Lon E 118,19
First fine breez from the eastward heading W by S
employed in clearing up generally
Middle & Latter parts strong breez from the eastward
heading from N by NE employed in running down
oil broke out for beef & meal

Wednesday Mar 29th Lat S 10,49 Lon E 118,54
First wind as above employed in running oil
broke out shookhead cask 1.2.96 also sugar & beans
Middle tacked ship heading SE by E on port tack
at 4 hont 5 P M raised the isl of sandlewood bearing
about N Latter part finished stowing down
stowed in all about 100 tns broke out shooks 16 casks

Thursday Mar 30th Lat S 12,00 Lon E 118,14
First moderate tacked ship at 8 heading E by E
employed in setting up shooks set up 9 casks
saw a finback Middle part fine breeze heading E by S
Latter part moderate heading about E by E on
starboard tack by the wind. Fleeted starboard
boat on to bow cranes and hoist the new one on
starboard cranes. broke out lumber from hole and
stowed it on the house. cooper at work on casks

Friday Mar 31st Lat 11,41 Lon E 120,01
First moderate from same quarter as above
unbent main staysail and stowed it away raised
land about 5 P M bearing N. Sandlewood called

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford While

Friday Mar 31st
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the E & E ship on Starboard tack heading NE broke out in after hatch preparatory to stowing shooks for water also broke out Molasses

Saturday Apr 1st Lat S 11,20 Lon E 119,57
First part about calm employed in starting water from ground tier forward into shooks in after hatch Middle & Latter parts moderate trying to work into eastward saw plenty of porpoise blackfish. Finished stowing off in the hole broke out pork beef dried apples

Sunday Apr 2nd Lat S 11,22 Lon E 119,57
First moderate from SSE heading E employed in washing ship inside.
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the southward saw land bearing about W also saw killers & porpoi

Monday Apr 3rd Lat S 11,16 Lon E 120,23
First light air sprang up from the S steering ESE saw killers and porpoise in abundance
Middle & Latter part about calm employed in tarring the Fore head stays at Main & Mizzen

Tuesday Apr 4th Lat S 11,32 Lon E 120,40
First calm tarred down Fore rigging forward saw plenty of porpoise also blackfish
Middle light airs from S & E heading SW on port ta
Latter part calm broke out water

Wednesday Apr 5th Lat S 11,36 Lon E 120,4
First about calm employed variously saw porpoi

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off to the southward of Isle of Sandlewood

Wednesday Apr 5th
Middle & Latter parts moderate from S.E. ship on Starbo port tack heading S.W employed in cleaning iron work on windlass saw blackfish

Thursday Apr 6th Lat 11,50 Lon E 119, 36
First fine from the S.E. ship heading S.W lowered the boats in chase of blackfish but got nothing. Struck a porpoise
Middle part fine breez heading E. wind S.E
Latter part moderate heading S.W. Capt employed in repairing waist boat watch employed cleaning iron work

Friday Apr 7th Lat S 11,52 Lon E 119 54
First moderate heading S.W wind S.W finished waist boat painted iron work on windlass
Middle & Latter part light wind from S.E heading about E employed in cleaning anchors

Saturday Apr 8th Lat S 11,55 Lon E 119, 2'
First moderate saw plenty of grampus
painted Starboard anchor
Middle & Latter parts light moderate weather from the S.E ship heading about N.E. employed in cleaning port tack anchor

Sunday Apr 9th Lat S 11,52 Lon E 119, 10
First moderate from S.E heading about E.N.E
Set up main topgallant & royal Headstays [illegible]
Middle & Latter parts wind the same saw nothing

Monday Apr 10th Lat S 10, 55 Lon E 119, 55
First fine breez heading about N.E by N about 5 P.M raised land bearing about N.E the Isl. Sandlewood

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Monday Apr 10th
Middle & Last Try'ing to work to eastward but have lost ground having a strong breez and a strong lee current
Latter part about 7 AM squared away for the west end of Sandlewood give up getting to eastward as bad job Broke out Larter sail a full rigged ship standing in on Starboard Tack

Tuesday Apr. 11th Lat S 9 56 Lon E 119 33
First strong breeze from SE running along the land steering NW by W saw nothing
Middle part running around the island of Sandlewood
Latter part at daylight Sandlewood bearing SE distant about 6 miles saw land round to northward about 7 AM breez springs up from the eastward heading about NW on Starboard Tack, saw Blackfish

Wednesday Apr 12th Lat S 8 53 Lon E 119 13
First Moderate breez from the eastward standing in toward island of Sumbawa at 2 PM tacked off shore at 4 wind hauled out SE tacked heading eastward toward Straits of Sapy employed cleaning iron work Middle part working to Straits
Latter part off Mouth of straits current setting us down through between a small island and Sumbawa down 3 boats and towed out under the land in an eddy current and layed for current to change got anchors off bow and every thing in readiness to anchor about 11 PM current slacked off and squared away through Straits keeping well in on western shore

Thursday Apr 13th
First Moderate from southward running down through
About 3 PM wind died out and shot in on north side +

Around around Straits of Sapy

Thursday Apr 13th

of [illegible] of Sintodo and came to an anchor in 25 fathoms of water about 1/4 mile off shore with 60 fathoms of chain out, after which sounded in vicinity and found plenty of water around the other islands
Latter part head current broke out Scrapivon & crockery casks also 166 bag & packets

Friday Apr 14th

First about 12½ Oclock hove up made all sail and [illegible]d along to the northward close in on western shore about 4 PM current changed and came to in about 25 fathoms got supper and went ashore and cut a boat load of wood
Latter part calm Capt went in to the town, at 10 A M breeze sprung up made sail hove up and [illegible] her up to the northward

Saturday Apr 15th

First light airs from the northward about 5 PM Capt returned with a few coconuts and some fowl there is no place for watering nor is it any place to recruit ship you have to pay about 3 times what it is worth about 6 PM died away calm and current being against us came to anchor in 22 fathoms Middle about [illegible] a light breeze sprung up from [illegible] p made all sail and stood along to northward
Latter part moderate. ship off Northern end of straits. broke out bread & flour

Sunday Apr 16th

First about calm current setting to southward are now 10 miles farther to southward than we were at daylight Middle & Latter parts fine breeze heading N E inside the new island of straits with strong setting current

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Remarks on board of Bk Stafford

Monday Apr 17th
First light airs heading NNE wind abeam & variable 2 gusty. Latter part fine breeze heading about NNE. Saw a great deal of porpoises
Moved anchors on bow and bent on cable

Tuesday Apr 18th Lat 17.9 Lon E 120.01
First part moderate from the east and backed heading SSE, saw finbacks
Variable part backed heading E to E
Latter part fine breeze heading NE bent on cable employed cleaning iron work. Saw a great deal of finbacks

Wednesday Apr 19th Lat 15.35 Lon E 120.26
First and large part from east and heading NNE by the wind, latter employed cleaning fore chains. about 7 P.M raised land bearing about NE, also saw finbacks
Variable strong breeze from NE by E, to work up under the lee of Tampica Latter part Tampica bore about NE had strong breeze from E heading NE employed in cleaning iron work saw blackfish

Thursday Apr 20th Lat S 6.57 Lon E 120.38
First strong breeze from east and heading NNE by the wind. passed about 15 miles to leeward of the Isle of St Rosario & Tamboelangan and sighted the island of Natuzer At 3 PM backed ship heading E by E the small isle or key of Malmalankie presents a poor sight for a vessel in the night that is unacquainted Variable & latter part strong breeze and gusty heading SE by E wind about E raised the island of Flores

Friday Apr 21st Lat S Lon E
First fine breeze from SSE Moved up into Bea bay and bent best bower to trade

While cruising in the Flores Sea Apr 1871

Friday Apr 21st
Middle, part of the first & latter calm & baffling winds
calm with current setting to eastward saw a big sperm
whale and latter part calm, take out beef pork &
molasses also employed cleaning iron work

Saturday Apr 22d Lat S 8, 20 Lon E 120, 17
First calm employed cleaning iron work are about 12
miles off shore gradualy going to eastward
Middle heavy airs & squalls with some wind
Latter part about calm current in our favor
employed in cleaning iron work

Sunday Apr 23rd Lat S 8, 10 Lon E 121, 22
First light airs, are trying & get into eastward
about 6 P M raised the island of Sakar bearing about E
Middle & Latter part's light airs & calms are up about
the island of Palowe saw nothing

Monday Apr 24th Lat S Lon E
First part calm raised the island of Roa bearing
about N saw a shoal of porpoises
Middle & Latter part's calm. Raised bearing about
N saw porpoise. watch employed cleaning iron work

Tuesday Apr 25 Lat S Lon E
First light airs from NE heading ESE saw porpoises
the island of Sakar bearing East sundown
Middle & Latter part light airs from NE heading ENE
employed in cleaning iron work about 11 A M raised
Angelica shoal bearing about NE dist about 6 miles

Wednesday Apr 26th
First calm, boarded a prow bound to Bouton, saw
plenty of porpoise & grampus Broke out water

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Remarks on board Bk. Stafford while

Wednesday Apr 26th
Latter, Calm. saw plenty of porpoise Cpt Angelica
Shoal bearing N dist about 4 Miles

Thursday Apr 27th
First light air Sprang up from the N.W. stood in
SE broke out boats, flensed & save new fore tack
Middle & latter parts. fine breeze from E.S.E
heading E.S on Starboard tack saw a bark to leeward
also Latter, saw a brig ahead standing to the S

Friday Apr 28th
First fine breeze from the E.N.E employed on main back
Stood in for land the land of Flores found saw
plenty of coconuts. Signalized Dutch bark
Middle strong breeze & squally also shoal water current
Latter part off & on Steward of Flores Head, hauled at
E.N.E steering west saw 2 sails 1 a fishback

Saturday Apr 29th
First strong breeze from the E.N.E standing in towards the
coast at 9 AM Capt went ashore on a search but
but found the natives hired to stay left the point
of the beach when the boat went in. found no water
Cut off a few coconuts and a little goat or kid
Middle & latter parts off. Flores head hauled E.N.E
employed cleaning main back saw nothing of account

Sunday Apr 30th Lat S Lon E
First fine breeze from the N.E steering off Flores
Head saw a school of blackfish
Middle & Latter parts hauled at E.N.E steering from
N to N.W saw killers & porpoise

Cruising in Flores Sea Sept & May 1871

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Monday May 1st
First fine breeze from the E N E heading N when about 1 P.M. raised Buca's island bearing N.E. steered away for it and passed about ½ mile to the leeward it has a reef on its N. & W. sides which extend out about ½ miles. Middle & Latter parts steering by the wind on starboard tack heading about N.W. at daylight saw land bearing about N. Broke out beef & cleaning ship

Tuesday May 2nd
First moderate, wind heading us off tacked ship heading E by S on port tack saw more land at E.N.E. bearing E by S Middle heavy rain
Latter part strong breeze from the South & West saw Buca's island bearing about W.N.W. also one of Fiji Isl. bearing W by N

Wednesday May 3rd
First, calm, saw nothing in the form of oil have strong Westerly current employed on iron work
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the eastward ship heading about N.E. for about the center of the group of Fiji Islands saw plenty of porpoise

Thursday May 4th
First, wind about E.S.E. heading in for the land at 4 PM tacked off shore saw nothing in the shape of fish
Middle & latter parts moderate from the eastward hauling up along the land & windward watch employed steering keeps on water casks. Struck 2 porpoises

Friday May 5th
First moderate from the E.S.E. saw blackfish and one sail watch employed as usual yesterday hauled up spot chain & shackled on to anchor and got spot anchor off the bow

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Friday May 5th
Fast part light airs & calm have made a little to the eastward saw nothing in the form of whales

Saturday May 6th
First Fresh, and 2 sails, took out pickels & Horse Middle & Latter part fine breez from the Southward steering NNE at daylight Hare between Rocton & Wangi Wangi Saw nothing

Sunday May 7th
First fine breez from the Southward standing Back heading E. Wangi Wangi bearing S dist 15 miles Middle & Latter parts light airs from the NW at daylight the first part Wangi Wangi bearing S dist 12 miles East Rocton Head Steering Easterly

Monday May 8th
First light airs from the Southward, saw nothing about 5 PM the boat returned loaded with Provisions and a few fowl also a few yams
Middle part calm Latter part light breez from the Southward Hare about 15 miles to NNE of Wangi Wangi passed a shoal of whales in under the land appearing to be making to the Southward, about 10 AM lowered 3 boats in chase of a fine whale found across the passage to the Southward

Tuesday May 9th
First, calm about 2 PM the Larboard boat went on and darted an iron against his small was ordered to go down but for some reason unknown to me did not go in and they went to sea after whale. Then left to crawl in the school and about 5 PM the Larboard boat went on again and just hooked him took out

cruising in passage between Bonilla & Hangi' Hangi'

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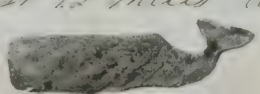
Tuesday May 9th
Sent 2 sections of line and answered it has no felt
of the boat's lower it was a slight chance but it seems
hard, all day chasing but have got nothing. At
8 Whales went up through the passage to the southward
some round down to the eastward along Hangi' Hangi'
Middle and Latter parts of ther inclined to be Spouty
All cruising between Bonilla & Hangi' Hangi' no
nothing of account Take out flour, beans dried apples

Wednesday May 10th
First Whether good in an average had one signal, this afternoon
a pilot was under Sentence. Have had chase out during
today Baked and Boiled. had Nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts calm and rainy

Thursday May 11th
First light Cape from the SW stood in under
Hangi' Hangi; a few canoes came off with fruit
Yams & a few Fowls Take and Blackfish with
Middle & latter parts light airs & calm saw plenty
of porpoises Capt & 2nd mate went ashore Trading

Friday May 12th
First light airs & calm saw 2 canoes and 2 sail
one steamer, Employed setting up boating fore stay
and backropes about 5 PM boats returned loaded
with yams bananas & cocoanuts & fowl
Middle & latter parts calm Sent 5 & 8 to raised
whales towed them through the passage to 4 PM lowered
the boats in chase and at 11 PM Starboard boat struck
large whale when the rest of them started off to eastward
hoist in boat boats in chase Hangi' Hangi'
bearing about S dist 12 miles at time of raising



Remarks on board B.S. Clifford Whale

Saturday May 13th
First & Middle Watch calm at 2 P.M. hove to
starboard side & cutting stages preparatory
to cutting in. At 4 P.M. boats returned to ship
Middle employed. Latter part employed cutting

Sunday May 14th
First Calm. Finished cutting in & Cleared away case & jaw. Wangi Wangi bearing S
Middle & Latter part employed boiling

Monday May 15th
First Weather fine, employed boiling
Middle & Latter Watch light airs and calm. At
6 A.M. raised sp whale going to the eastward
lowered the boats in chase but starboard boat started
them off. Wangi Wangi bearing S.E. dist 15 miles

Tuesday May 16th
First calm boats chasing whales again the Lts
got about & when whale perceived her and that started
them again. At 6 P.M. gave them up
Middle boats returning to ship. Latter part
at 8 A.M. boats returned only hooked fast one
of the men had cut his arm bad with mincing knife

Wednesday May 17th
First calm. Finished boiling. Also employed clearing
up generally. Tide out Middle part employed
Latter part weather. Latter had no luck employed

Thursday May 18th
First Weather fine employed stowing
Middle & Latter Watch fine employed in stowing
oil. had a visit from some of the natives

Sunday between the islands of Bantam & Bangi Bay

Friday May 19th
First had one squall of rain afternoon stowing down
stowed about 62 lbs
Middle & Latter parts weather good, Take out for rice
sugar & Molasses also overhauled the jams in the pan
and dried them, Read prayers

Saturday May 20th
First fine weather Sail in Bantam Bay account of
Sundown Bangi Mangi here about 8 dist 15 miles
Middle & Latter parts rainy Read prayers

Sunday May 21st
First squally with strong breez from S.E. Watch employed
washing ship, Read prayers
Middle weather fine Latter part heavy squalls from S.E
with a regular rain storm

Monday May 22nd
First Heavy rain from S.E ship on starboard tack
heading N.E by E. Got fast anchor on the bow, Read prayers
Middle & Latter parts moderate with a few squalls
of wind from S.E ship heading about N.E one mile off northern
end of Bantam Take out buoy and one was fall in bight
four fold tackle

Tuesday May 23rd Lat S 5,25 Lon E 123,50
First fine breez from S.E heading along from N.E to N.E
by E in made new crane for larboard boat at Sundown
the island of Bobonè bore about W. Read prayers
Middle & Latter parts unsettled weather from S.E heading
N Watch employed as previously

Wednesday May 24th Lat S 5,21 Lon E 124,26
First weather unsettled from same quarter Sending the same

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Wednesday 24th
Middle & Latter parts about calm with a heavy swell from the southward raised the island of Bouro bearing about E

Th day May 25th Lat S 3.06 Lon E 125.18
First calm saw nothing of account watch employed variously Middle part rather squally Latter part calm broke out ship cask and aired the clothing. Pulla Bessy bearing at daylight about NE Bouro ESE saw several Sulphur Bottom & porpoise

Friday May 26th Lat 2.34 S Lon E 125.37
First light breeze from the SE, stowed down ship and otherways variously employed Middle light airs fm. latter part calm ship l. off west side of Pulla Bessy saw blackfish lowered the Starboard boat in chase

Saturday May 27th
First calm boat returned with no fish saw plenty of porpoise stowed down our first bl. of slush No 1 Middle & latter parts calm broke out fore & aft employed setting up backstays & forestay about 11 A.M raised whales inshore of us about 3 miles steering to southward quick. Ship laying off west side of Pulla Bessy about 6 mile off shore

Sunday May 28th
First lowered the boats in chase but came on thick and squally and were not able to get on about 7 P.M boats returned whales having gone into S.W

1871

cruising off S.E. of Rolla Bassey & cruising

Sunday May 28th
Middle & Latter parts calm saw blackfish & finback
Rolla Bassey bearing E.S.E. 8 miles

Monday May 29th
First calm broke out boat saw blackfish harpooned
and caught 2
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm ship about
1 mile off shore light heart after boat load of wood

Tuesday May 30th
First about calm with some rain saw plenty of porpoise
boat returned with wood and found a fine watering
place which is situated on west side of Rolla Bassey
about ½ way from the north & south end of island
also plenty of wild hogs abound here
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm
employed boiling blackfish

Wednesday May 31st
First calm steamed boiling made about 2½ bbls
about 9 PM boat went ashore and got a load of
wood and a few cocoanut branches for brooms
Middle part cutting up wood & stripping broom stuff
Latter part light airs from the southward broke out
flour & water saw a shoal of blackfish

Thursday ~~May~~ June 1st
First light airs and calm stowed down blackfish
oil have now about 5 bbls of blackfish oil all told
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm
employed in setting up fore & main tower rigging
and knocking off cocoanut

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Friday June 2nd
First light breeze employed sending off main rigging about 1 P.M. Capt. Smith came alongside of the wood and at 4 P.M. sent 2 more boats in after another load. at 8½ P.M. boats returned with wood Middle & Latter parts light airs from southward saw sulphur bottom

Saturday June 3rd
First light airs from [illegible] Stella Bessey bearing about W by N employed in cutting & barking wood and stowing it down below
Middle & Latter parts about calm laying off to eastward of [illegible] Bessey saw plenty of sulphur bottom

Sunday June 4th
First calm saw nothing of account broke out fish &
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the [illegible]
course N the island of Lissamatilla at N. bearing W.S.W.

Monday June 5th
First strong breeze from the N.W. heading from N.W. by W
by the wind, raised the land of Chie Major bearing E by N
Middle & Latter parts light airs with current setting
strong to eastward at daylight off east end of Davis
between Chie Major & Batchian, saw nothing

Tuesday June 6th
First light airs & variable off from the west end heading
to far east end of Mariyoran Dist. 2 Miles at sunset
tried & worked off shore & tacked heading along the land to
westward Cook off duty sick with ague chills
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm laying off
Mariyoran with strong current setting into [illegible]
broke out beef & beans

1871

Wallabah Bay Inward Journals

Wednesday June 7th
First light airs from the northward trying to get round Marjoram but make little or no progress have worked here 2 days and now we about the same as we were when we started have seen nothing but 1 sail bound to southward
Middle light breeze, working up along the land Latter part Marjoram bearing E dist 5 miles ship standing off shore to the westward wind abeam

Thursday June 8th
First strong breeze from the southward tacked ship heading in shore saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze & heavy squalls of rain. Marjoram bearing & dist from 10 to 20 miles

Friday June 9th
First strong breeze from the ~~South~~ward heading in shore to the eastward about 5 PM squared away to the northward along the land saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts off to westward of Latta Latta islands saw nothing. Watch employed in washing ship out side

Saturday June 10th
First light breeze from the southward stood up and on north side of Latta Latta, saw a fine back Dutch washing ship Cook returned to duty
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze cruising off Latta saw nothing of account watch employed washing ship inside Latter PM 6 squared away to the northward and passed through between the islands of

Cook out flour & pork

1871

Remarks on board Bk Tyfford while at

Sunday June 11th
First fine breze from the southward, heading down toward Grenada finished washing ship inside and out Hauled up chains & set anchors off bow about 4 PM heavy squall struck us from the S & W Tyfford tow on just tack & parted the hawser Middle & latter part usually from the centre vessel about 5 PM sqeared away for Grenada and at 12 PM came to anchor off the town in 7 fathoms water with [illegible]

Monday June 12th
First Capt went ashore and brought off the letters Latter part landing out beef and pork from after hatch

Tuesday June 13th
First employed breaking out and coopering beef pork & molasses also landed 2 cask of molasses 1 of pork and 5 casks of beef started cask of beef Latter part employed in landing provisions ashore

Wednesday June 14th
First employed in landing provisions and stowing it Latter part employed in stowing off in the hole a man by the name of Joseph [illegible] having stayed ashore beyond his leave of absence Capt offered a reward and today he was retained in charge of the jail

Thursday June 15th
First finished landing provisions also stowed off in the hole and cleared up generally preparatory to going to sea at 4 PM put Jacobs in irons

anchor at Ternate. Came Toward Tallibabo

Thursday June 15th
Amount of provisions landed at Ternate
Bread 10 casks 1974 Galls Flour 17 bbs 5 casks
Beef 21 bbs 7 casks Pork 15 bbs 3 casks Molasses 2 [illegible]
2154 Galls 2 casks 100 Galls 1 Cask

Middle part a calm came under the lee & Sent some of the men but were not able to get ashore being on the lookout for such things but the ship keeper got off by swimming ashore
Latter part calm loosed the sails and have been waiting for a breeze

Friday June 16th
First about 1 PM a breeze sprung up from the southward we up made all sail and squared away for the northward ship keeper came on board again in the forenoon he did not make a very long stay ashore only had to pay the officers fees
Middle and Latter parts light airs from the S Steering NW by W Tallibabo to the northward employed making a new fore topmast

Saturday June 17th
First took a smart squall from the NW employed on topmast Latter light breeze from the S steering NW
Middle & Latter parts light airs from the westward steering NW by W employed on topmast

Sunday June 18th
First light airs from the westward saw a sail finished topmast and stood the spare main yard along side of main mast took out molasses
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the SW Lying to at daylight raised the island of Tallibabo bearing about NE &

1811

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Monday June 19th
First light breezes from S.W. Ship steering for the island of Sallibabo and about 7 PM came to an anchor off the town in 20 fathoms made all secure for the night
Latter part employed setting up shrouds and stowing off fore peak

Tuesday June 20th
First employed setting up shrouds
Latter part employed on casks also sent down yards at fore

Wednesday June 21st
First sent in a raft fore water also employed in ...ing the bends sent down fore & gallant mast
Latter part ...ed our moorings being to near the rocks got off a raft of water also employed in heeling the ship to repair copper

Thursday June 22nd
First repaired the copper and ran the water below broke out fleur copper employed on the ...
Latter part employed in stowing off in main hatch send in a raft of casks

Friday June 23rd
First sent down fore topmast and got off raft of water filled the potato pen with potatoes
Latter part stowing down water sent a raft ashore

Saturday June 24th
First employed on ... got raft of water on board
Latter part stowing water and fitting topmast
Cooper setting up shrouds

1871

At anchor at the town of [illegible] Lake

Sunday June 25th
First finished topmast and at work in the starring
also employed [illegible]ing
Latter part all hands ashore on liberty

Monday June 26th
First all hands on liberty
Latter part all hands returned except Turnbad one
of the men employed in starring off and getting
wood

Tuesday June 27th
First got off raft of water also starring off and [illegible]
a Dutch [illegible] came in to an anchor for about 2 hours
then got underway
Latter part raining heavy

Wednesday June 28th
First raining employed in starring off in after hatch
broke out Sea cut up old topsail [illegible]d and set old
topmast on end [illegible] the mainmast
Latter part went ashore to catch [illegible] the runaway
[illegible] out successful raising [illegible]

Thursday June 29th
First sent up fore topmast and got off 4 casks of water
and 2 [illegible]ads of wood
Latter part Capt went to town of Leron to ship men
employed [illegible] starring off in hole finished

Friday June 30th
First sent up fore yard and top gallant mast and set
up topmast head [illegible]ckstays Capt returned with
news of para being at Leron and agreed to take our oil
the best [illegible]

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Friday June 30th
Latter part sent up fore topsail & top gallant Yards and set up the rigging to mast & top gallant

Saturday July 1st
about 3 P.M. hove up made sail and started for town of [illegible] arrived there about 7 P.M. found the Bark Olando there at anchor Latter part hove up and shifted our mooring broke out and started water from off the oil all ready to break it out to discharge

Sunday July 2nd
First sent in casks of empty casks ashore to fill with water for ground tier also setting up [illegible] Latter part all hands ashore for a run

Monday July 3rd.
First all hands ashore
Latter part found that 6 of our men had deserted James Wood John Cassel Charles Gifford Eugene Terpeny Topsy Rose and a portuguese by name of Rufin Capt sent directly to Vallibalo and succeeded in taking Rufin the others we have not any track of as yet but have offered rewards for their capture
Employed on board in breaking out oil and turning it on board of the Bk Java

Tuesday July 4th
First employed in breaking out oil and also setting up shooks have landed 10 casks on board Java in good order and condition
Latter part employed breaking out oil and handing it on board Java

while at anchor off the Town of [illegible].

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Wednesday July 5th
First finished [illegible] and oil
Latter finished discharging [illegible] in all 30 casks
1/2 bbs & 14 jars

Thursday July 6th
First employed setting up shooks and stowing off
ground tier also got off raft of water
Latter Capt went with Holmes & Coalsteer 3 and a
crew of natives in search of the runaways
Latter part Capt returned with 4 of the lost
men and Dresser [illegible] Gifford
[illegible] on board in stowing the [illegible] on
port side

Friday July 7th
First setting up shooks and stowing off in the hole
got off a raft of water
Latter part stowing off and setting up shooks

Saturday July 8th
First employed [illegible] off finished ground on
port side broke out beef to pork
Latter part employed stowing and getting off water
[illegible]

Sunday July 9th
First finished stowing off in the hole
Latter part raining Capt has gone [illegible] able to
ship a man

Monday July 10th
First Capt returned with a man and about 6 PM
made sail hove up and made adieu to the town
of Levuka for the present have shipped in all
4 men [illegible] have lost 2 of old gang

1871

Remarks on board bark Stafford

Monday July 10th
Middle part light airs from the N & E working out the Northern passage around to northward of Sollibabo
Latter part wind from the E & E ship by the wind on port tack heading to southward saw track just also sighted Isle of Sanger hatch employed clearing up generally

Tuesday July 11th
First fine breeze from the eastward heading to the southward, sail nothing of account
Middle & Latter [illegible] light breeze from the E ship by the wind heading about S E & E
overhauled the [illegible] and picked out the [illegible]

Wednesday July 12th
First light breeze from the same quarter about [illegible] raised Land bearing E by S Cooper employed [illegible] of Hooks Middle part light airs from the eastward Latter part equally from the N N E trying to work to eastward having a strong westerly set of current sent down fore topgallant sail for repairs

Thursday July 13th
First breeze from [illegible] from off the land the small islands to the northward of Sibolo bearing E by [illegible] about 5 miles at sundown. all hands down with a heavy cold [illegible] off duty and some of the rest are about as good as down sick just able to get about broke out beef & sugar also molasses Latter part about S & W Tolena reading islands bearing S S W dist 10 miles raised a large shoal of whales going in towards the island of Sibolo lowered the boats in chase whales going [illegible]

1871

Cruising off Isls of Tahe[illegible] and Vicinity

Friday July 14th
First [illegible] Larboard boat went on but the whale was to far off [illegible] PM Waist boat struck after which Larboard boat went on started both irons but [illegible] faster was not force enough and [illegible] iron the whales went down through to the N[illegible] the Tele nading groupe and Larboard boat went on and struck the ship drifted down through the groupe to the northward and after taking whales alongside by towing ship with [illegible] ats were able to get out clear by rubing pretty close to some of the [illegible] on north side of Tele nading groupe
Middle calm Latter part calm employed cutting Whales

Saturday July 15th
First Calm started the works & cleared away heads
Middle & Latter parts squally heavy weather with rain employed boiling 3 men off duty sick ships keeper still off duty and several others can just crawl around kind of ship fever

Sunday July 16th
First heavy weather employed boiling
Middle & Latter parts strong breze from the SW finished boiling turned up 38 bbls

Monday [illegible] 17th
First employed [illegible]ing Larboard boat [illegible]
2 pieces of [illegible] new clothing
Middle & [illegible]ter parts [illegible] off North side of Moorea with a light breeze [illegible] off the land saw nothing of account employed [illegible]ing fore top gallant [illegible]

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Tuesday July 18th
First ~~showers~~ frequent showers of rain Capt employed fitting starboard boat boat for top gallant sail 3 men still off duty sick
Middle & Latter parts light & calm off Northward Monty sent down the spanker for repairs Capt fitting the boat for painting

Wednesday July 19th
First finished spanker and sent it aft saw nothing
Middle part light airs & rainy
Latter part Through the Straits of Mont to the southward employed pumping water preparatory to running oil

Thursday July 20th
First Employed running oil stowed down about 96 bbls at sundown off south end of Rioa island in the Straits saw nothing of account
Middle part calm current setting strong to the Northward Latter part light airs & calm saw blackfish we have got set back by the current where we started yesterday

Friday July 21st
First Rioa bearing at sundown N point E 4 miles Capt employed painting the boat painted bowsprit and part of main on port Middle part equally from the southward light flying jib Latter part light airs from the Northward heading in for Straits of Monty sent an fly jib for repairs

Saturday July 22nd
First equally through the Straits to the

Cruising around Mortj Gillolo & vicinity

Saturday July 22nd
Southward found a bad reef on east side of the straits but nothing in the way by keeping over on Gillolo side At sundown were about 6 leagues from Joint Salliway bearing S.E by E employed mending fly jib cooper setting up shrouds Middle light airs from the westward & rainy Latter part in the straits over on Gillolo side Joint Salliway bearing E dist about 15 miles saw plenty of fish trees and drift wood Wind light with rain washed ship inside

Sunday July 23rd
First light airs & calm working along the land to the eastward, finished fly jib and bent it Middle & Latter part light airs & calm with current setting to the eastward

Monday July 24th
First calm with a northerly set of current saying about 1/2 way from Mortj to Joint Salliway Middle & latter parts light airs from off the land we being off to the eastward of Joint Salliway about 10 miles dist saw fish birds and drift wood employed painting bows &c & top mast head

Tuesday July 25th
First light airs and calm saw nothing of account employed fishing rails and chains, rove new davit tackle fall for boat Middle & latter parts light airs & calm working to the southward along Gillolo finished setting up shrouds all of the new shrouds we have are set up ready for the sail if it should be we come along 9 men with ship keeper are still ill

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Wednesday July 26th
First wind light from Wd & Nd can make on
to gain a little to the Southward by degrees
Employed setting up topmast riggin forward
Middle ... squalls thick & rainy Working southward
Latter part off & on very dark & hazy Over
Banton packet shoal sounded in 19 fathoms
broke out for water

Thursday July 27th
First wind South stood over toward the
Thanpee group broke out for hemp cordage
also new topsail braces
Middle part raining heavy & squally
Latter part light airs from all quarters having
N.W. point of Eeby with strong southerly current
broke out the last of the beans & Rice

Friday July 28th
First about calm current setting us to the
Southward at a great rate Kept preparing bow
boat for painting broke out Vinegar & flour
Middle part light airs & calm
Latter a smart breeze springing up from the
passed round the N.W. point of Eeby employed
overhauling lashing & cutting Pendants

Saturday July 29th
First (about 1 PM) raised whales about 5 miles
from between the Isle Foye & Strang going
to the Northward lowered the boats in chase
and about 3 PM larboard boat fastened the
other whales going to the Southward
Middle at 6½ PM being all ready commenced
cutting and at 8 PM secured falls and started with

1871

Cruising off Isl of Seby & Vicinity

Saturday July 29th
Latter Pt. employed boiling

Sunday July 30th
First weather fine employed boiling a canoe came off with coconuts eggs &c saw nothing
Cruising between the isl of Seby & Tyane
Broke out beef & Molasses
Middle & Latter parts light airs with rain
Finished boiling burned up about 2 bbls

Monday July 31st
First Calm saw nothing broke out potatoes
Middle & Latter parts rainy laying off to eastward of Seby made sail to larboard boat sail

Tuesday Aug 1st
First weather fine employed in [illegible]
down main top gallant & [illegible]
rigging also painting bow boat [illegible]
boat sail to larboard boat saw blackfish
Middle & Latter parts light breeze from the S.
saw blackfish employed stowing oil

Wednesday Aug 2nd
First finished stowing down stowed 25 bbls 28 bbls
painted bow boat outside
Middle & Latter part light airs from the southward
saw blackfish rove new fore top sail braces

Thursday Aug 3rd
First light airs laying off to eastward of Seby
Middle & Latter parts [illegible] sail but [illegible]
employed cruising

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Friday Aug 4th
First spoke ship City of London from Formosa to Foochow Reloaded with sugar Capt bought some tar saw nothing Middle & Latter parts strong breezes from the southward saw plenty of sulphur bottom out bread washed waist boat inside

Saturday Aug 5th
First strong breeze from the southward cruising between [illegible] & Agana broke out for pork found one cask marked pork which proved beef saw finbacks & blackfish
Middle & Latter parts squally heavy weather under double reef topsails saw nothing steward has come around again has been sick 2 days with the same disease the men have had a kind of breaking out in blotches dont know what to call it shipkeeper is a little better the men are all round again except Rufus he has a large sore on his leg

Sunday Aug 6th
First strong breeze from SE run down between [illegible] & Joy and fitted fore topsail tore reefing [illegible] 2 canvas came off with 2 reefs
Middle & Latter parts strong southerly winds saw finbacks

Monday Aug 7th
First strong breeze from the same quarter have been nearing the isl. of Guam the last 12 hours have seen nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts cruising between [illegible] saw nothing of account

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Cruising off Eeby and vicinity 1871

Tuesday Aug 8th
First fine breze from the southward, saw nothing employed variously Latter part Middle & Latter parts so saw nothing first a Watch on the foresail Capt employed in his boat

Wednesday Aug 9th
First fine weather a few came along side and bought a few cocoanuts from them Latter part Middle & Latter parts light breze saw blackfish and a large white water about 6 miles but saw nothing after set up Main topmast & topgallant head stays also jib & flying stays

Thursday Aug 10th
First about 1 PM while between the isl. of Inzang & Eeby raised a large sperm whale steering to the Northward lowered the boats in chase and about 6 PM Starboard boat struck took him along side and set the watches for the night Latter part. Cutting

Friday Aug 11th
First finished cutting & started works Middle & Latter parts boiling

Saturday Aug 12th
First boiling a few canoes came off to trade Middle & Latter parts boiling run 9 casks into hold

Sunday Aug 13th
First finished boiling turned up 20 bbls bone at 8 bells

1871

Remarks on board Bark Stafford

Sunday Aug 13th
First Middle & Latter parts fine steady breeze saw a finback also a Merchant Bark working to the southward Took out buoy and rode

Monday Aug 14th
First stood over under reefs but saw nothing painted waist boat outside
Middle & Latter parts weather fine saw with [illegible] employed breaking out in main hatch for running [illegible]

Tuesday Aug 15th
First signalled run down 27 bbls oil account came off [illegible] nothing of account for trade [illegible] Middle signalled Latter part broke out in fore peak and stowing oil saw a steamer towing a bark bound to the northward

Wednesday Aug 16th
First finished stowing off in fore peak the whole stowed in all 67 bbls saw a sail bound [illegible]
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from S.E worked around on south side of Isle The bark & steamer were their at anchor proved to be a Missionary espidition [illegible] Main top gallant Cringlines & fore clew garnets saw plenty finback the above bark reported sept Bourne at Fernando Aug 11th giving liberty hailing 60 bbls

Thursday Aug 17th
First strong breeze, making to the eastward Cooper employed repairing casks Capt painted waist boat over outside Took out [illegible]

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Thursday Aug 17th
Middle & Latter part calm saw Nothing
working over old shooks those are very poor

Friday Aug 18th
First light airs & calm saw Nothing a canoe
came off with turtle fowl cocoanuts & a few shells
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm saw
Blackfish cooper employed setting up shooks

Saturday Aug 19th
First light airs from southward cruising between
Yap & Wyang saw Nothing of account employed
on deck as usual bake out sugar & dried apples
Middle & Latter parts light airs employed
variously saw Nothing of account

Sunday Aug 20th
First light airs from southward saw grampuses
watch employed setting up rigging topmast & top gallant
head & deck stays
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm
saw porpoise & grampuses

Monday Aug 21st
First light breeze from the southward saw Blackfish
Middle & Latter part light airs & calms saw
grampuses. Cleaned out the butt
and carried away the crosstree to rigging in setting
up the rigging

Tuesday Aug 22nd
First calm saw Nothing finished crosstree
a new one for the rigging and set up rigging

1871

Remarks on board Bk Clifford from

Tuesday Aug 22d
Middle & Latter parts Moderate broke out beef & pork saw plenty of porpoise

Wednesday Aug 23rd
First Moderate Cooper employed working over old shooks [illegible] very poor hoops as well as staves Turned on to Starboard boat Cook [illegible] Sailing for [illegible] several canoes came along side but had nothing of account Middle & Latter parts Moderate employed on Starboard boat Cooper at work on [illegible] saw nothing of account

Thursday Aug 24th
First employed on boat saw nothing Weather Calm Lying between Isle of Pines & Middle & Latter parts Moderate Saw finbacks employed painting Starboard boat also [illegible] the Ends of backstays a canoe came off with a few coconuts

Friday Aug 25th
First Moderate saw blackfish Cooper working over shooks Middle & Latter parts Calm saw grampuses

Saturday Aug 26th
First Calm employed setting up main topm. [illegible] rigging and painting Starboard boat saw [illegible] blackfish Middle & Latter parts Calm and rainy saw plenty of porpoise

Sunday Aug 27th
First calm finished Starboard boat also Cooper finished all but one of shooks

1871

Set[y] toward the Asia wrands and vicinity

Sunday Aug 27th
Middle & Latter parts moderate and fair[?]

Monday Aug 28th
First light airs from the southward and [illegible]
the passage between Isang & Maug to the eastward
saw a large breach at sunbeam bearing NE
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the westward
course E by S passed Buddle island at [illegible]
bearing E [illegible] employed repairing Jolly
Upsail Koffin returned to duty

Tuesday Aug 29th
First & Mid[dle] calm with a strong NW current
Buddle isl[and] bearing at sunset S E by S course
steered through the day E by E finished
Jolly Upsail and sent it broke out beef [illegible]
Middle part equally Latter part calm
employed mending mizzen topmast staysail
the East islands bearing S W dist 8 miles
also sighted the Asia isl[and] saw plenty of blackfish

Wednesday Aug 30th
First calm finished Staysail & sent it a canoe
came off from the Gowls with a few shells & fruit[illegible]
Asia isl[and] bearing at sunset S E by E
Middle & Latter [illegible] to light & variable winds
the Asia isl[and] at daylight bearing E dist 10 miles
saw nothing Noted employed variously

Thursday Aug 31st
First Moderate with a strong current setting
into W N W washed plain work in side
preparatory to painting over the bare places
have not seen the first thing today

1871

Remarks on board B.K. Clifford while

Thursday Aug 31st
Middle & Latter parts light & fluky winds with
rain Saw a [illegible] eastern Current running
about 5 knot Asia isle bearing E.S.E. dist 10 m.

Friday Sept 1st
First part fine breeze from eastward Capt went on shore
Turtle returned with 2 he bought & also
bought one from a canoe also employed
painting over bare places of bulwarks &
[illegible] Course S.E. Middle & Latter part calm saw nothing Asia bearing W.N.W.
broke out water also painting

Saturday Sept 2nd
First Calm employed painting saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm
saw nothing employed painting

Sunday Sept 3rd
First moderate laying between the Reef & Asia
Middle & Latter parts showery with light airs
saw nothing

Monday Sept 4th
First calm lying to S.E. of Asia isle saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate with rain
saw nothing

Tuesday Sept 5th
First moderate from the eastward saw nothing
employed overhauling block straps to purchase tackle
Middle & Latter parts moderate from S.W.
broke out barley flour pickels beef & pork

Cruising in vicinity of the Aria & Pearl islands

1891

Wednesday Sept 6th
First Moderate from the NW Budds isl[and] [illegible] distant 12 miles seem to have a NE set to day as we have lost ground since daylight saw Blackfish Middle & Latter parts rainy Working up to Westward

Thursday Sept 7th
First Moderate went ashore on Budds island a little while after Turtle saw none found a coconut grove in centre of island got about 100 coconuts also a lot of brown [illegible]
Middle & Latter parts wind from NW to NNW heading by the wind on the Port tack Set new fly jib sheets saw a bark working to windward

Friday Sept 8th
First wind from same quarter Broke out beef tea and coffee also a ham saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from the NW steering about NW saw nothing

Saturday Sept 9th
First At 12 M raised isl of Montuosa NE point [illegible] NW hauled our wind for straits Montuosa bearing NW saw nothing in shape or form of a vessel
Middle & Latter parts thick & rainy weather entered southern end of straits working to Northward

Sunday Sept 10th
First light airs and calm passed through the straits to the Northward saw nothing watch employed [illegible]
Middle & Latter parts calm Talamanca islands bearing NW dist 15 miles saw porpoises

1870

Remarks on Board Bark Stafford from

Monday Sept 11th
First light air from the N'E steering N'E saw no signs of Fishes have made about 10 miles to day Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm saw nothing watch making scrub Teeth

Tuesday Sept 12th
First light breeze from N'E steering N'E saw nothing. island of Fillolo bearing N'E dist 20 miles made a rope breaking out pendant also put about 40 fm on to starboard bobs line
Middle & Latter parts calm with the current setting about N'W & rose out water, saw nothing

Wednesday Sept 13th
First calm saw a shoal of large Cuttfish lowered down boat and caught 2 watch employed knotting yarns for spunyarn
Middle & Latter parts light airs from all quarters saw nothing, watch employed making spunyarn

Thursday Sept 14th
First light baffling winds with rain have not made anything on our course since Sunday Noon, bore N'E, about E'N'E Talenading isle about 5 out an arm for masthead at the Quarn. saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts squally with heavy rain wind from N to E'N'E

Friday Sept 15th
First squally rainy weather from E'N'E to E Talenading isle got big ing & got westward. Saved about 18 Ibs of rain water to day. Middle & Latter parts of Talenading isle wind E'N'E employed breaking out & fitted tobine on sick bobs, it seems inclined that way from

1871

Moorty straits towards Celebes sea 1871

Saturday Sept 16th
First head from S to heading W by N. Have taken out from main to fore hatch but found no leak as yet it shows a little oil in pumping ship but no great take out a barrel of beef. saw nothing of whales Middle & latter parts light airs & calm. Stowed back in main hatch found no leak the men split some oil as forcastle concluded it must be that as we see no more of it.

Sunday Sept 17th
First light breze from the southward heading W by S finished cowning for main head at main. We have been trying to get to westward for the last week have gained a little to day. strong current setting to eastward Middle, squally heading from W by N to N W
Latter part wind about SW heading W by N raised island of Kabiau ahead is N have a strong W set of current there seems no working against it

Monday Sept 18th
First wind from S & E strong breze with rain working to westward all day wind at sundown Kabiau bore N by W so much for current. it seems almost impossible Middle squally heading about S W by the wind Latter part battling winds from the S & W when about 11 PM took a heavy squall from about W which made things snap some started fig jt & fore lop gallant sail but not lost

Tuesday Sept 19th
First still continued to blow double reef topsails & furled mainsail, barred down hatches secured the boats and made all snug for a blow about 5 PM. furled fore topsail weather about the same. barometer started up a little saw nothing

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford at sea

Tuesday Sept 19th
Middle part weather moderated set sail repair head sails &c Latter part at daylight made all sail heading NNW strong breeze from WSW saw a new main buntlines and broke out corn

Wednesday Sept 20th Lat N 2,40 Lon E 126, 45
First hand hauled round to NW backed fly jib about 4 PM backed heading W by N broke out sugar and saw new starboard fore topgallant brace, saw nothing Middle squally saw after leech off of fly jib heading N Latter part heavy squally weather heading W by N making about NW by N course strong eastern current employed in fly jib at 10 PM raised ill Habraung bearing NE by E

Thursday Sept 21st
First strong breeze from SW bent fly jib about 4 PM took a smart squall from W by N parted foot rope on jib which took leech rope off from clew to head, sent it in for repairs Habraung bearing NE E at 4 PM broke out beef & pork saw no signs of whales
Middle strong breeze from SW with heavy sea from W Latter part ill of Sanguir N point bearing NW by W employed new roping jib broke out cask of Beef and one of flour hand NW by W heading NW by W

Friday Sept 22nd
First light airs baffling winds trying to pass through the passage to northward of Sanguir, bent jib a canoe came off to learn the news but brought none Middle part light airs & calm current setting to eastward Latter part hand south working to windward along the land sent down main topmast stay sail for repairs saw a brig and schooner working up along the land

in Vicinity of the island of Sanguir 1871

1871

Saturday Sept 23d

First Strong breze from the southward working to windward along the land on short tacks hatch employed making spunyarn Middle part working to [illegible] Latter part on Passage between Passage & Karakitang [illegible] on with boat on Karakitang got a boat of [illegible] bananas one hog and a dozen fowl light airs & [illegible] - setting to northward

Sunday Sept 24th

First boat returned, [illegible] Blackfish lowered but got nothing light breeze from SE & heading SW Middle & Latter part, light airs & [illegible] m with a northerly set of current saw Blackfish going quick

Monday Sept 25th

First a moderate breze springs up from the southward heading WSW Sanguir center of island bearing about E dist 15 M Middle fine breze from the southward course WSW Latter part wind about WSW about 11 A M raised up, whales going into SW quick

Tuesday Sept 26th Lat N 0, 25 Lon E 124, 21

First lowered the boats in chase them about 2 P M waist & starboard boats fastened the others going off into SW at 4 P M took whales along side and cut them in and commenced clearing away head Middle part calm employed steaming away head and cutting blubber about 11 P M whales came close to ship spouting called them sperm whales

Latter part calm employed boiling about 9 P M raised a large white water bearing SW saw it twice like sour vinegar & molasses

Remarks on board Bk Flatford while

1871

Wednesday Sept 27th Lat S 3,21 Lon E 124, 2o
First calm at 12 M raised breches and spouts bearing S E lowered 3 boats in chase but saw nothing from boats and only once from ship calculated whales going about E S E quick
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from W S W heading S at daylight in sight of Pico bearing S E by E

Thursday Sept 28th Lat N Lon E
First wind from same quarter backed ship heading W by S under double reefed topsails Carried up about 6 lbs, saw a large white water run for it but saw nothing more
Middle & Latter parts strong winds heading from W to W N W got just back with light sails latter part fine weather clear but smoky saw nothing

Friday Sept 29th Lat N 4,06 Lon E 122, 1o
First wind & weather the same latter employed variously saw nothing of account
Middle strong breeze heading W N W split mainsail
Latter part wind the same sent down mainsail for repairs saw nothing

Saturday Sept 30th
First wind & weather the same sent mainsail up new starboard main topsail brace and spar jib sheets Middle strong breeze furled light sails
Latter part strong breeze heading W by N saw nothing
made new straps for cranhooks

Sunday Oct 1st
First strong breeze from same quarter, about 1 P M raised land to S E of Pasve Pasve bearing W by N, ever since
Just main sail at sundown tack heading S S E
struck a porpoise

cruising in the Celebes sea 1851

1851

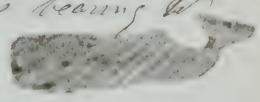
Sunday Oct 1st
Middle & latter parts fine breze from E'ly weather to westward along the low islands to southward of Tawee Tawee saw nothing in the whale line

Monday Oct 2nd
First wind and weather the same all these low islands abound in reefs saw a few natives fishing Middle & Latter parts no change in weather employed running down oil Stowed 27 bbls

Tuesday Oct 3rd Lat N 4.26 Lon E 120,40
First wind about E'ly off to south of Tawee Tawee dist about 20 miles broke out water & flour Middle & latter parts winds from ESE to S by E weather kind of misty employed fitting eye of main rigging also parrel lashing to cutting spendants

Wednesday Oct 4th Lat N 3.42 Lon E 118,29
First wind and weather the same lashed cutting spendants watch employed making spunyarn Middle had a heavy squall started fly jib fore topsail & gaff topsail Latter part fine breze from the westward employed variously saw nothing of account

Thursday Oct 5th
First calm saw plenty of drift wood employed fitting draw water bucket Middle another heavy squall Latter part moderate fore sent down forward for repairs about 10 AM raised up whales bearing to



Friday Oct 6th Lat N 2.48
First whales going to windward lowered boats in chase when about 5 PM waist boat struck took him along side and cut him in whales sent off

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

P S Oct 6th on the following leaves
Oct 16th First moderate from S & Legitian
islands bearing N dist 20 miles employed boiling
Broke out Molasses Middle part squally
Latter part calm with heavy swell the ice bearing
N E by N dist 10 miles about 7 A M raised whales
bearing E N E dist 8 miles lowered 3 boats in chase

Tuesday Oct 17th
First calm about 3 P M boats returned without
seeing whales nor were they seen from ship after first
raising finished boiling turned up about 12 M
Middle & Latter parts calm and raing

Wednesday Oct 18th
First light baffling winds ice bearing N E, dist
about 20 miles strong current setting S W
fitted the forward part of Try works where water baked
out from underneath saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts calm employed stowing
oil in ground tier on port side forward of main hatch

Thursday Oct 19th
First calm finished stowing oil stowed about 70 B
Middle & Latter parts calm employed in breaking
out in after hatch to stow water broke out beef
pork & bread saw nothing of account

Friday Oct 20th
First calm off the coast of Boeno ice bearing about N E
current setting into S W slowly finished stowing
off in after hatch we find some show of oil in our
pumpings again so ends this day & seeing nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts calm saw nothing

1871

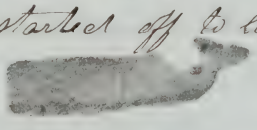
cruising off Borneo in vicinity of Tigitan island

Oct 21st Saturday
First part calm reef bearing N by E dist 20 miles
one gear out today about 4 25 lbs sp watch employed
variously saw nothing Middle & Latter parts
calm saw nothing of account employed vari...

Sunday Oct 22nd
First calm broke out water and flour saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from westward with rain

Monday Oct 23rd
First Moderate reef bearing at 3 PM N E dist 3 miles
strong S W current saw blackfish lowered but got nothing
caught 1 day of albacor this afte... quite a treat
Middle & Latter parts calm saw nothing

Tuesday Oct 24th
First calm employed variously fitted a tank in to
try works and a top to cover over the fire to prevent the blaze
from burning the awning
Middle & Latter parts light airs from the eastward about 7 PM
raised 2 sp. whales going into westward of the island to
the westward of the reef bore about N dist 8 miles
lowered the boats in chase and at 9 PM the waist boat
struck the other whale started off to eastward with
3 boats in chase



Wednesday Oct 25th
First calm boats returned with no whales, cut in
our whale and started works
Middle & Latter parts boiling

Thursday Oct 26th
First calm finished boiling turned in about
14 bbls (Sperm) Latter part of days work. 3rd page following

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

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Friday Oct 6th
Middle cutting up blubber had a heavy squall
Latter part boiling and mending foresail

Saturday Oct 7th
First weather fine from S W are off NE of Borneo in
vicinity of Laysitan groupe of islands and reef
employed boiling and mending sail saw blackfish
lowered one boat but got nothing
Middle & Latter parts weather fine from S W finished
boiling also repairing foresail

Sunday Oct 8th
First weather fine about 2 PM came to anchor off
east side of reef off Laysitan Groupe in 14 fathoms
of water about 1 mile off reef Capt & 2nd mate
went ashore on an island on north side of reef
Middle part boats returned but saw nothing in shape
of a human being they probably having secreted themselves
Latter part light airs from southward got underway and
stood out to eastward

Monday Oct 9th Lat N 4.10 Lon E 119 21
First off to eastward of reef weather fine from southward
saw plenty of porpoise and small fish
Middle & Latter parts light weather from southward
watch employed variously put new block straps on fore
top for reef tackle saw plenty of porpoise

Tuesday Oct 10th
First moderate cruising off the reef saw nothing
of account broke out beef
Middle & Latter parts calm current setting S W
employed stowing down oil stowed about 70 bbls
saw nothing of account

cruising off Legitian islands coast of Borneo

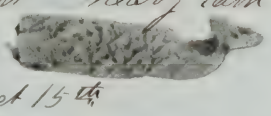
1876

Wednesday Oct 11th
First calm employed breaking out oil on Starboard side in fore hold formed 2 casks leaking from a worm hole stowed back the old ground tier has been all Sun coopers excepting 2 casks the rest looks well as far as could see
Middle & Latter parts calm broke out flags saw nothing

Thursday Oct 12th
First light airs & calm laying off to westward of reef employed splicing middle shroud to mizzen rigging on port side Capt cut awning for masthead forward
Middle & Latter parts moderate from ESE veering NE watch employed variously

Friday Oct 13th
First moderate with light rain squalls from S.E & broke out flour dried apples & water saw plenty porpoise
Middle & Latter parts moderate from NE, about 7 AM raised up whales going into NNE quick were lowered the boats in chase Legitian islands or reef off islands bore N dist about 15 miles

Saturday Oct 14th
First calm about 2 PM Starboard boat struck after which starboard & bow got fast along side about 11 PM whales went off into SSW
Latter part heavy rain squall employed cutting



Sunday Oct 15th
First calm cut up heads and started works
Middle & Latter parts [illegible] employed [illegible]

C.S. Oct 16th is on preceding page as dated

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford whale

Thursday Oct 26th
First Middle & Latter parts Light airs from the Northward, working into eastward saw nothing of account

Friday Oct 27th
First Light breeze from the S W island on reef at sundown bearing N by W dist 8 miles Watch employed on various ship duties
Middle & Latter parts smart breeze from westward with rain squalls Watch employed variously

Saturday Oct 28th
First Calm reef bearing about N by W dist 20 miles broke out water and sugar, Middle rainy Latter part, fine breeze from westward heading into northward sighted Francis bank a sand bank about 30 miles to S W & from the island on N E end of reef one of Ligitan Groupe saw nothing in the whale line

Sunday Oct 29th
First fine breeze from westward have caught about 6lbs of albacor and salted them today
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the westward

Monday Oct 30th
First light airs & calm laying off to eastward of reef, saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the westward employed stowing down oil stowed 13 bbls

Tuesday Oct 31st
First westerly wind heading to the southward resalted 2 bbls of fish . Capt nailed $11 on the boarer for a bounty $10 for 100 lbs and $1 for a whale

Cruising in Celebes sea in vicinity of Togitian island

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Oct 31st
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the southward
reef bearing N dist about 15 miles saw nothing

Wednesday Nov 1st
First calm overhauled cutting guy straps and coppered
bills at heel of bowsprit saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts moderate with rain
washed paint work inside saw nothing of account

Thursday Nov 2nd
First calm reef bearing about W dist about 6 miles
watch employed variously
Middle & Latter parts calm generally about 2 PM
had a pretty smart squall of wind & rain lasted 1 hour
broke out molasses

Friday Nov 3rd
First calm reef bearing W by N saw nothing
cooper employed repairing a cask watch employed
variously killed one 2 goats
Middle & Latter parts calm & raing

Saturday Nov 4th
First light breeze from S W saw blackfish
discovered in chase struck a calf 2nd mate shot
one with a iron but splice drawed in small line
attached to main line that goes to show that
the irons can be used with effect
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from southward
heading to westward toward the island to westward of
reef saw nothing of account
broke out 1 bl of pork

1871

Remarks on board Bk. Stafford from

Sunday Nov 5th Lat N 4,08 Lon E 119,10
First fine breeze from southward. Capt went ashore on an island in said Lat & Lon and cut and brought aboard 2 boat loads of wood
Middle part fine moderate weather
Latter part ff & S&E very with strong S&E current running heavy. employed cutting up wood

Monday Nov 6th
First moderate finished cutting up wood
Middle and Latter parts moderate from westward heading S&E very bearing about S W island on the end
Watch employed variously

Tuesday Nov 7th
First calm with current setting about S&E
boiled out blackfish made about 6 galls
Middle & Latter parts calm with one smart squall from the westward kept her off to eastward

Wednesday Nov 8th Lat N 3,48 Lon E 120,09
First moderate from southwest steering N N E saw land in sight broke out beef, saw grampuses
this afternoon killed one of our hogs
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the southward working to eastward Capt employed sheathing the deck on port side in the waist saw nothing

Thursday Nov 9th Lat N 2,26 Lon E 120 40
First weather the same as yesterday painted bows and head of fore topmast & finished sheathing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the eastward heading N on port starboard tack employed clearing out & white washing the forecastle
saw nothing

Egiptian islands Toward Isle of Toolo 1871

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Friday Nov 10th Lat 2,06 Lon E 120 ,45-
First Moderate from same quarter heading the same
broke out vinegar saw nothing, strong southerly current
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm saw nothing

Saturday Nov 11th Lat N 3,14 Lon E 120, 5-5-
First calm, fitted new mizzen to stock broke to saw
nothing but grampuses
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm trying to
get onto the N E but got astern on it broke out
flour molasses & water, saw grampuses

Sunday Nov 12th Lat N 3,20 Lon E 121, 02
First calm, washed paint work saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts calm saw nothing

Monday Nov 13th
First. Light air from the S W steering N N E saw
plenty of porpoise and grampus but no whales
Middle & Latter parts calm watch employed
making sennet saw nothing

Tuesday Nov 14th Lat N 4,18 Lon, E 122, 03
First light breez from the N W heading course N N E
made a set of halliards for waist boat also a new lanyard
Middle & Latter parts calm saw nothing of account

Wednesday Nov 15th Lat N 4, 25 Lon E 122, 12
First light breez from the N W heading about N N E saw
grampus & porpoise but nothing of whales
Middle & Latter parts light breez from the westward
working into the northward Capt fitted a berth
in potatoe pen for one of the men, Johns being sick
for the last 4 days with Fever & Ague

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford. Whit

Thursday Nov 16th Lat N 4.51 Lon E 122, 17
First & fine breze from about W heading about W
about 1 PM raised the land to the S W of Soolow isls
bearing NW by W, saw a spout of some kind but
not seeing it after were not able to make it out
Gave the after house a coat of varnish, yellow ocher
and oil Weather look equally as dan
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm with
N W set of current broke out in after hatch
for beef & pork

Friday Nov 17th Lat N 5.42 Lon E 122, 01
First calm saw plenty of grampus the Island
S the S.westward of Soolow bear NW dist about 30 miles
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm trying
to work into N E broke out for water

Saturday Nov 18th Lat 5.32 Lon E 122,05
First. Moderate island of Soolow bearing N by E
dist about 30 miles lowered a boat and spoke a
fisherman he said had plenty of rice & potatoes
ashore on island of
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm S of
Soolow bearing N dist 15 miles saw Hackfish & grampus

Sunday Nov 19th
First calm made a set of jeack battiards for larboard
boat saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calm working
into N E saw nothing

Monday Nov 20th
First moderate from the northward Soolow island
bearing N W dist 10 miles saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts calm broke out 1 Bbl pork

Cruising off Rodeo Islands Nov 1871

Thursday Nov 21st
First calm saw a bark off shore working up towards the land Rodeo bearing N dist 10 miles
Middle part moderate Latter part Capt sent ashore on S E point of Rodeo trading heather squally

Wednesday Nov 22nd
First fine breze from the N E Capt returned with some rice and a little corn Squared away for the bark to the Leeward which proved to be Bark Adline Fibbs Bowman 13 mo out 200 lbs of whalebone
Middle & latter parts strong breze with rain squalls from the eastward working up to windward in company with the other bark

Thursday Nov 23rd
First heather better about 5 P M spoke barque Adline Fibbs got some late papers
Middle & latter parts calm about 7 A M raised a sp. whale bearing E going ashore lowered the boats in chase and about 9 A M larboard boat struck took him along side the other boats in chase of others they saw blowing but saw no more of them ship at time of raising off abreast of the passage on west end of Rodeo about 10 miles from small Is on beside

Friday Nov 24th
First calm boats returned and hooked on to whale cut him in sent down falls and set watches.
Middle & latter parts calm employed tailing

Saturday Nov 25th
First fine breze from N E employed tailing Take out 60 bbls Spoke barque Adline Fibbs
Middle and latter parts tailing heather calm

1871

Remarks on board Bk Clafford while

Sunday Nov 26th
First calm finished boiling burned up about 4 4 bbls
broke out cask of Bread Coal and one of Beef
Land Cs N Ely Goodos isl. bearing N dist 18 miles
Middle & Latter parts Overcast from westward steering
Ely N Basilan isl bearing N dist 25 miles

Monday Nov 27th
First wind the same as yesterday jammed Aft Fillers
Middle moderate with rain Latter part employed
breaking out & find leak in oil.

Tuesday Nov 28th
First calm, have not found leak as yet sounded
isl of Mindanao bearing E dist about 30 miles
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds from off
the land hatch employed Carrying

Wednesday Nov 29th
First calm with current setting E&S about 12 Ms
raised Hummock island bearing E&S saw more
oil on pumpings than usual this night
Middle & Latter parts took a squall from N.E saw
what we called Sp whales lowered the boats in chase
but it proved all moonshine

Thursday Nov 30th
First off Hummock isl. Capt went ashore Bad
luck on it in five hole found a cask under fore peak
leaking bad Capt returned with 2 coco Nuts
chickens pine apples & bananas Light light from E
Middle light airs from E and S
Latter part strong breeze from S.W steering S.E starboard
tack employed stowing oil stowed 94 bbls
Broke out flour

at anchor off Tallibabo 1871

Friday Dec 1st
First wind from westward steering NE by E about 3 PM raised the E of Tangier bearing S W by S. Tallibabo bearing E by S 2 Miles to Latter part light airs and calms, are about 4 leagues between Tangier and Tallibabo which place are bound in to anchor to cooper oil and get recruits Filled the oil we pumped out of hole got about 10 gals

Saturday Dec 2nd
First moderate from eastward steering E got chains up and anchors off the bow preparatory for coming to an anchor Sand about 15 miles NE by E sundries Middle light baffling winds from westward steering off South of passage on NE point of Tallibabo trying to get to an anchor Latter part light winds from NW about 7 PM came to an anchor about 1/4 mile off shore at the town of Tallibabo in about 17 fathoms of water in about 15 minutes after the bark Adeline Gibbs came in also

Sunday Dec 3rd
First broke out all empty casks & rafted them and sent one raft ashore. also washed ship outside
Latter part starboard watch ashore on liberty

Monday Dec 4th
First watch ashore on liberty
Latter part broke out coopering oil

Tuesday Dec 5th
First employed coopering oil
Latter part the same Took out sugar tea beef pork and molasses

Wednesday Dec 6th
First employed coopering Latter part the same

Remarks on board HC. Thafford from

1811

Thursday Dec 7th
This day employed Coopering oil one of the natives that has been with us the last cruise has taken french leave to day

Friday Dec 8th
Employed as above Coopering oil have found in all 9 casks not suitable to stow have stowed them in their place the old round tin casks are all more or less affected

Saturday Dec 9th
First finished stowing oil - got off a raft of water and all empty casks
Latter part stowing off - got off 1 boat load of wood

Sunday Dec 10th
First finished stowing off and got off 2 boat loads wood 2 men from the Fibbs deserted last night
Latter part Port watch ashore on liberty

Monday Dec 11th
First part watch all returned in good Spirits
Latter part got off one boat load of wood and shipped a native in place of the one that deserted

Tuesday Dec 12th
First this morning at about 10 AM the HC Fibbs got underway and at 3 PM we tripped our anchor and squared away into S E with a good supply of Potatoes & Bananas at sundown the Northumberland about five S E dist 4 miles steering Dy South wind about N
Middle & Latter part strong breeze with heavy swell from about N steering S E by E at daylight the isl of Rimatara S E dist 20 miles hauled our wind heading E N E

Tallibabo cruising around Est of Mertz 1871

1871

Wednesday Dec 13th
First wind and weather The same Sailed employed getting up wood at Sundown NE point of Mertz bore ESE dist about 15 miles, saw the N. Tibbs off & the southward Middle & Latter parts strong N W wind with a heavy swell employed overhauling potatoes

Thursday Dec 14th
First wind and weather The same standing off and on the NE point of Mertz employed on potatoes Adeline Tibbs in sight to Leeward Middle & Latter parts thick squally weather from NW with heavy swell saw the Tibbs at daylight

Friday Dec 15th
First weather light with heavy swell and frequent rain squalls sighted Mertz E point bearing S by W saw no signs of whales Nor Tibbs about 3 miles off Ice berm at Sundown
Middle & Latter parts heavy rainy rugged weather from N and W saw nothing washed paint work inside

Saturday Dec 16th
First weather better running along east side of Mertz saw porpoise but no show of whales
Middle & Latter parts weather fine light breze from N W running along the east side of Tibbs to the southward. Sent down fore topsail for repairs

Sunday Dec 17th
First calm with rain. sent up fore topsail saw no signs of whales
Middle & Latter Light baffling winds at daylight Thompson Islands bore S Discovered ESE saw porpoise

1871

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Monday Dec 18th
First light baffling winds at sundown Champion
Islands bore W dist 4 miles saw nothing of note
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds have
made no great headway sent down spanker and
repaired it.

Tuesday Dec 19th
First calm repaired fore top mt stays'l
and took out clothing & cloth casks lost
lost in under Gibbob between S & point and Champion
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds Feby isl
at daylight S E dist 20 miles took out beef pork

Wednesday Dec 20th
First calm current setting Northward took out
water & molasses saw porpoises
Middle & Latter parts light breeze from N & Feby isl
bearing S dist 3 miles. employed repairing awning

Thursday Dec 21st
First light breeze from same quarter passed through
the passage between Foz & Feby a few canoes came
off with coconuts Capt bought about 300 saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light airs & calms with rain
steering off to eastward of isl of Foz saw blackfish
Watch employed in various duties

Friday Dec 22nd
First calm saw nothing of account 2nd mate making
new boat sail watch employed variously
Middle & Latter parts light airs from the Northward
saw a merchantman off to leeward

remaining around Isle of Ely and vicinity Dec. 1871

Saturday Dec 23rd
First Calm Gammed Eng. ship Isley the South from Falmouth Eng bound to Hong Kong Capt M. bought a quantity of coal tar and hemp twine Middle & Latter calm Broke out fine & water

Sunday Dec 24th
First calm saw blackfish and porpoise Middle & Latter part light breze from the northward running between Isle of Ely & Iggy saw 4 shoals blackfish

Monday Dec 25th
First wind & weather the same saw 1 shoal of blackfish Middle & Latter part light airs with rain squalls

Tuesday Dec 26th
First calm Made a hatch bar for main hatch for running oil saw plenty of porpoise Middle & Latter parts rain squalls from NE ship between isle of Desh & Iggy saw blackfish

Wednesday Dec 27th
First heather better ship off & northward of isle of Ely saw a merchant brig bound N also a bark supposed to be Adeline Fitts. watch employed cleaning cuddy Middle & Latter parts light breze from northward at daylight off N end of Iggy saw sail in sight a brig bore new wheel rope

Thursday Dec 28th
First light airs from same quarter current setting SW saw nothing of account watch employed cleaning rice Middle & Latter parts calm laying off & northward of Iggy saw blackfish Broke out pig and cooked fish

Remarks on board Bk Stafford Cruising

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Friday Dec 29th
First light airs from northward current setting us into S'W saw Blackfish Watch employed variously Middle calm, Latter part light airs from Eastward steering N E rove off jib halliards out of old royal halliard & sheet saw nothing of account

Saturday Dec 30th
First wind from same quarter steering N E saw a sail into N E took for a whaler at sundown hauled up S W
Middle & Latter parts moderate from N W steering E by N raised Budds island ahead sent down foretopsail for repairs

Sunday Dec 31st
First wind the same about 1 PM raised a large shoal of whales going into N E & Budds isl. at time bore E by S dist 10 miles lowered the boat in chase and about 3 PM Starboard boat went along side of a 20 bbl whale and missed him and away they went to windward for about 4 miles and turned again to leeward after which Starboard boat tried them 3 times slight chance when I went in head of boat myself and missed a whale myself fair play Starboard boat tried again and waist boat also but get no whale came on dark boats returned a pretty chase we have made of it Middle & latter parts calm with rain showers Budds isl bearing S W at daylight saw a large shoal of blackfish

Monday Jan 1st 1872
First calm drifting to the north & west saw nothing Middle & latter parts calm laying off & on throughout of the Gouls broke out water and cleaned out the water butt saw nothing

around Isls of Syang & Eoby also in vicinity of Budds I
1872

Tuesday Jan 2nd
First light breeze from NW with a heavy swell saw nothing Made new roping for box boat sail Middle signally rainy weather Latter part calm with heavy swell sighted Asia island bearing E by N Lows I.S cleared first part part being foul with dist

Wednesday Jan 3rd
First calm Fitted new stays around head of foremast for cutting gigs. Budds isl at sundown S.W Middle Signally Latter part fine breeze from NW steering W saw nothing of account

Thursday Jan 4th
First wind the same steering W saw 2 sails bound to northward broke out cheese
Latter part steering SW Syang bore S.S.W broke out flour and rice and washed the boat overhead on the house

Friday Jan 5th
First wind light from NW steering SW sighted isl of Eoby ahead watch employed cleaning rice Middle & latter parts calm current setting NE Syang bearing S.S & dist 12 miles broke out mattresses also employed cleaning rice

Saturday Jan 6th
First calm employed on rice also fitted foot of main topsail
Middle & Latter parts moderate with rain Signalled Mond 7 A.M. when isl of Syang bore E by S dist 12 miles mixed a one whale gang to S.E lowered the boats in chase which appearing by the

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford cruising

Sunday Jan 7th
First moderate from the Northward about 1 PM
Larboard fastened got along side about 4 PM
Hove cutting Gear and commenced cutting
Middle cutting about 1 AM finished cutting
gear and all hands turned in
Latter part cleared away head and started tanks

Monday Jan 8th
First boiling Catherine isl at daylight
this morning bore W dist 15 miles saw one sail
Middle & Latter parts employed boiling

Tuesday Jan 9th
First off & on employed boiling Shot at bale
Middle & Latter parts heavy squally weather from NW
Lying between Wzang and Foz isls finished
boiling turned up 56 bbls

Wednesday Jan 10th
First weather better saw a English ship bound
Northward also saw Blackfish
Middle & Latter parts rainy squally weather from NW to W
saw Blackfish

Thursday Jan 11th
First weather the same saw 2 sails, watch
employed variously
Middle & Latter parts moderate with rain squalls
broke out sugar and filled up ground tier in main
hatch with oil saw nothing

Friday Jan 12th
First between Isls of Selz and Foggy employed
repairing old casks for stowing

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off Geby. Syang crowns also in vicinity of Baddo Isa

Friday Jan 12th
Middle & Latter parts raing equally weather from the northward employed stowing oil

Saturday Jan 13th
First heather latter cruising in passage between Syang and Jay saw one sail, hatch employed stowing oil stowed in all 55 bls and 21 gals
Middle & Latter parts off Syang steering keys from the northward saw 2 sails but no sign of whales

Sunday Jan 14th
First wind the same washed paintwork inside broke out beef and pork and stowed down a bag dust no 3
Middle & Latter parts weather moderate spoke a ship bark from Spain to Hong Kong

Monday Jan 15th
First heather light saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts off to the northward of Sch broke out flour dried apples and a coil of twine

Tuesday Jan 16th
First smart breeze from westward steering & saw 2 sails broke out water rove twain top gallan halliards off 2nd hand twine and repaired the jib
Middle & Latter parts wind the same steering the same raised Buddo isl bearing S.W.E
broke out spare jib and mizzen topmast topsail d.t staysail and cut up old one & repair flying jib found our main topsail mildewed caused by getting damp in Bagal & supposed cannot account for it in any other way air being damp at time the latter sails appear good saw nothing

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Remarks on Board Bk Stafford Cruising

Wednesday Jan 17th
First hauled our wind to the northward with strong breeze Made new peak halliards for boat and Mainsheet for Starboard Nothing saw Middle and Latter parts cruising off to Nth of Budds island under reef topsails and courses rove new jib sheet on Starboard side.

Thursday Jan 18th
First wind from NW fitted spanker boom and otherways variously employed saw purpose Middle & Latter strong breeze from westward cruising off Budds Isl spliced in after shroud to mizzen rigging. which parted saw nothing

Friday Jan 19th
First running off with NE sighted the Asia Isl employed repairing fly jib saw nothing of them Middle & Latter parts off the Asia with strong S S W wind Capt went ashore after turtle boats employed repairing fly jib

Saturday Jan 20th
First strong ~~blow~~ reef topsail breeze from SW watch employed as above, Capt returned with 5 turtle saw nothing in the chain Middle part laying under single reef maintopsail and foresail wind SW
Latter part wind the same steering E by S took out cask of beef sighted Cape Good Hope coast of W Guinea

Monday Jan 21st
First wind W by S steering E by S sent fly jib and repaired spanker saw nothing

from Bucks, Est, eastward in vicinity of St Davids Head

1872

Sunday Jan 21st
Middle part tuffed to the southward on starboard tack
Latter part at daylight wind about WNW sighted
Isls of St Davids bearing NE kept away for the Isl
and Capt went ashore on the isl of the group

Monday 22nd
First wind the same current setting SE along the
reef strong. Capt returned with about 700 cocoanuts
Middle part wind same with rain squalls
Latter part rainy at 10 AM No Eight up and St Davids
bore about WNW. 0 Amen for working to windward
all night came new fore topsail halliards

Tuesday Jan 23rd
First wind about WNW ship on just back of the reef
stranded fore main topgallant backstays.
saw a large school of blackfish
Middle & Latter parts working to wind and wind
about NW at daylight St Davids bore WNW
spliced fore mainstopgallant backstays stranded
about 9 feet from eyes of riggins

Wednesday Jan. 24th
First wind and weather same spliced the
starboard top gallant backstay it being gone in the
same place as the other the lanyards had rotted under
service and water run down in them caused it but
something the riggers at home ought to have seen too
probably they were prayed for the jot
Latter part cruising off to eastward of St Davids saw
blackfish wind NW

Thursday Jan 25th
First wind NW employed repairing fore top gallant and

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Thursday Jan 25th
First Middle & Latter parts thick rainy weather
from SW saw nothing

Friday Jan 26th
First Moderated down made all sail heading
SW on Starboard tack took out from
Middle & Latter parts fine weather from NW ship
by the wind on port tack employed overhauling
fore top gallant backstays saw nothing
All on the bearer for 100 lbs sp

Saturday Jan 27th Lat N 0.42 Lon E 136 38
First wind NW ship heading NE picked a
pair of steps belonging to some Merchantman
fitted crotch of fish stay saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from NW ship
heading N by the wind employed fitting fore top mast
head stay saw Blackfish

Sunday Jan 28th Lat N 0.56 Lon E 135.10
First wind NW ship heading NNE hatch covers ship
Brace pendants made 4 new Tance warps for boats
saw nothing all well
Middle & Latter parts thick rainy weather from
W and SW ship heading from NE to NW as wind
shifted saw a big sturgeon & NE

Monday weather Jan 29th
First Weather Latter ship heading NW by wind on
port tack saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from NW broke
out new main topsail and aired it also made
new starboard fore topsail and top gallant brace pendants
saw nothing

Isle of St Davids toward Lord North Isl

1872

Tuesday Jan 30th Lat N 2.20 Lon E 135, 23
First light airs from N ship heading W NW Watch employed fitting Race pendants also put new leech on Curtain to the Awning, saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from the N & E steering W by N Made new Race pendants for fore and Main Top gallant yards on port side,

Wednesday Jan 31st Lat N 2.54 Lon E 134, 38
First Wind N N E steering the same as above Watch employed the same saw porpoise
Middle & Latter parts Wind from E steering W broke out beef and pork Made new block straps for jib halliards

Thursday Feb 1st Lat N 3,50 Lon E 133, 34
First Wind E by S steering W Watch employed cleaning rice overhauled block straps & waist boat saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from N E steering W S W Watch employed cleaning rice also overhauled fore top mast staysail pendants Took out cask of bread 240 galls saw one sail and a finback

Friday Feb 2nd Lat N 3,27 Lon E 132, 26
First steady breze from W N W steering W by S Watch employed cleaning rice saw a finback
Middle part Moderate from N N E steering W by S about 1 P M raised island of Lord North bearing S kept away for it Natives came off with cocoanuts fish and a few shells Latter part at 8 P M hauled on wind heading W N W saw nothing

Saturday Feb 3rd
First Moderate from N steering W N W with Southerly set of current saw nothing

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Saturday Feb 3rd
Middle & Latter parts wind N steering from NW by W to W S W employed clearing lice saw a finback

Sunday Feb 4th Lat 2.35 N Lon E. 129.23
First wind from same quarter employed washing ship inside. Course S W by W
Middle wind N steering S W
Latter part N E point of Mortz bearing S by W dist 25 miles raised a large school of whales going to the eastward lowered boats larboard boat struck then waist and starboard lines getting foul parted waist boat line and whale went off a whale got line around larboard boat line hauled up and throwed an iron into him when he kicked and hurt one John Crosette knocking out 2 of his front teeth cut his lip and lower jaw capt turned his whale up and left him in charge of 2nd mate (by had one) 3 mate and capt chasing off into S E & took the 4 whales along side and got away S E

Monday Feb 5th
First 3rd mate returned had lost iron of Capt about 2 P M raised Capt with mast set had not seen him from ship since 10 A M Capt cutting gear and commenced cutting running off towards Capt thinking he had a whale cut one whale and about 6 P M Capt came along side having been fast to a 75 bbl whale got his boat stove and had to cut after he got him to spouting good blood being out of sight of ship and saw 3rd mate gibe him up and came on board he makes all kind of signals to be seen it was fortunate they were not all lost I felt relieved when I saw his mast I saw he was all right but before I saw I was afraid the whale had taken his boat down since 3rd had [illegible] I saw him strike and lost sight of him

1872

Lord North's around Marty and vicinity

Monday Feb 5th
Middle part boiling running into S'Pw
Latter part huffed to cutting Marty bearing SW
dist 15 miles raised a school of whales bearing NW
dist 4 miles going right into S'Pw did not lower
employed cutting and boiling

Tuesday Feb 6th
First finished boiling cutting turned up 70 bbls
saw nothing Middle part boiling
Latter part at daylight hitched up the whale kept
out from about an 80 bbl whale all hands employed
clearing away head and cutting up blubber.

Wednesday Feb 7th
First stopping oil saw cutting gear raised the
piece and took off jaw Middle part boiling
Latter part cut head off square off and rolled in body

Thursday Feb 8th
First frequent rain squalls employed cutting
up blubber the whale is blasted an oil bearing animal
decks at a great rate have turned up 60 bbls
Middle & Latter parts boiling finished cutting
blubber and run 25 bbls below

Friday Feb 9th
First hooked on to head and hove it and cut up
junk the head was not much account oil had leaked
through Middle part boiling
Latter part made all dail opened case but oil had
all leaked out saved about 4 bbls brite out left
finished boiling turned up about 157 bbls pretty good
for one lowering here in this region

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

Saturday Feb 10th
First scraping oil and clearing up generally
Capt repairing his boat saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts calm Capt repairing boat

Sunday Feb 11th
First light airs from W to W steering S saw nothing
Middle part calm current setting W 8 strong
Latter part Lord Norths island bearing S 6
just in sight from deck raised a school of sp
whales going about SE lowered boats in chase
when waist and larboard boats struck whales
going into N by

Monday Feb 12th
First took whales along side and broke out in
after hatch on starboard side for stowing oil
Middle stowing down oil frequent rain squalls
Latter part " " " and rove cutting
gear and hooked on to whale

Tuesday Feb 13th
First stowed 97 bbls finished cutting
Middle & Latter parts boiling and cutting blubber

Wednesday Feb 14th
First boiling and cleared away heads
wind about N steering W by N
Latter part finished boiling turned up 60 bbls
about 10 A.M. Isl Mary bearing W dist 30 miles
raised school sp whales going to southward
lowered boats in chase when starboard and
waist boats fastened
broke out beef and pork and flour

around Lord Northo and Gillolo islands 1872

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Thursday Feb 15th
First turned whale [illegible] and started for ship
Middle arrived at ship about 1 P M
Latter part cutting about 9 A M raised what we
called a lone whale going to NW lowered 2 boats in
chase but saw nothing more

Friday Feb 16th
First boats returned finished cutting cleared away
heads and started works saw 1 sail
Middle part boiling cutting up blubber
Latter part broke out in after hole on port
side for stowing down

Saturday Feb 17th
First employed stowing down, Middle the same
until 1 P M Latter part stowing down

Sunday Feb 18th
First stowing down and coopering, finished,
boiling turned up 40 bbls
about 3 P M raised a school of whales from deck
Holmes & boatsteerer aloft ship run from it
a part of school lowered boats in chase started
from larboard boat but did not fasten whales
went off into NW joint Mazamele bn Isl of
Gillolo bearing W dist 20 miles
Latter part stowing down saw blackfish

Monday Feb 19th
First finished stowing all that was cold enough
stowed 84 bbls saw blackfish
Middle & Latter parts squally rainy weather from
eastward ship working to northward saw one sail

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Tuesday Feb. 20th
First wind from NNW ship working northward
employed repairing Mincing Machine
Middle & Leather parts equally from northward

Wednesday Feb. 21st
First wind the same ship off Point Salliway
with strong southerly current
Middle & Leather parts equally heavy weather
from northward Montys bearing NW from 10 to 12
miles, saw nothing

Thursday Feb. 22nd
First wind and weather same broke out flour
also employed stowing down oil
Middle & Leather parts equally from N current
setting northward just about held our own
finished stowing down stowed 37 bbls

Friday Feb. 23rd
First moderate employed clearing up generaly
emptied butter and lime casks broke out beef and
pork saw a finback
Middle & Leather parts calm and rainy laying
close in on SE side of Montys saw nothing

Saturday Feb. 24th
First light baffling winds from eastward
sent down fore topsail head sta found it all gone
broke out cordage cask for coil of 1¾ to 2 inch rope
found that main top gallant back stay has stranded
again so much for old rigging
Middle & Leather parts light airs and calm
employed overhauling rolling blocks also rove a
new gaff the old one used up, saw nothing

1872

Cruising around Pt. of Monty 1872

Sunday Feb 25th
First calm sent up new fore royal headstay also
fit preventer of maintop gallant back stays washed
paint work in side Monty NW dist 15 miles
Opened cask beef 5 lbs
Middle & Latter moderate from NW heading NW &
on port tack saw nothing

Monday Feb 26th
First [illegible] NW tacked ship heading to
N E point Monty bearing W dist 20 miles at sundown
Middle moderate from NW heading W lost draw water
bucket overboard Latter part calm Monty NE
point bearing W dist 5 miles rove new davit tackle
falls to Starboard boat, Current setting SE strong

Tuesday Feb 27th
First came on squally, trying to get around to windward
of Monty made new draw bucket split fore top
gallant sail by sheet parting
Middle & Latter parts squally rainy weather from
South and east SE point Monty bearing SW

Wednesday Feb 28th
First strong breeze from N heading E by S employed
making new sail for Starboard boat
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from NW & heading
from NW to west weathered N point of Monty about
11 A.M. saw one sail bound southward

Thursday Feb 29th
First strong squally weather from northward steering
from E to S by E rove new starboard fore brace and
fore tack and put preventer on main top gallant
back stay which has gone entirely

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Thursday Feb 29th
Middle & Latter parts moderate from N at daylight kept off S, employed scraping spars and washing ship

Friday Mar 1st
First running down along isl of Gilolo to south end lighted Ternate bearing S 1/2 E employed washing ship also broke out flour
Middle & Latter parts light airs from northward at daylight off mouth of passage and and about 12 M. came to anchor off Ternate in 15 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of chain out

Saturday Mar 2nd
First employed breaking out preparatory to receiving provisions on board
Latter part got off all bread and flour in good order and condition

Sunday Mar 3rd
First employed stowing down provisions sent down fore and main topgallant sails
Latter part all hands ashore on a run

Monday Mar 4th
First all hands returned all right
Latter part got off 6 casks meat sent down foresail for repairs

Tuesday Mar 5th
First bent a 2nd hand jib weather squally and raining
White washed plankshear preparatory to painting
Latter part got off remainder of meat weather good
Employed [illegible] fore sail

while
1872

Wednesday Mar 6th At Anchor at Ternate N.I.
First finished stowing down provisions
Latter part repairing foresail and fitting Main Top gallant backstays bought some old wire rigging of a Dutch Bark

Thursday Mar 7th
First sent up backstays and finished foresail and bent spanker after repairing
Latter part 2 men ~~he~~ ~~was~~ are missing that went ashore last night one Henry Clay and ~~Fabius~~ Joseph Jaolyn went ashore on leave to return last evening employed painting ship inside

Friday Mar 8th
First employed painting ship bent old Main Top gallant sail at fore broke out work
Latter part finished painting have not heard from the deserters the Mail arrived about 8 A M

Saturday Mar 9th
First broke out keg of butter and also flour & Coffee have sold 2 kegs of butter here at Ternate
Latter part Calm about 10 A M the Mate of Bk A R Tucker came ashore after letters,

Sunday Mar 10th
First about 1 A M breezed up from the N made sail hove up and squared away to the southward Spoke Bk A R Tucker have no news from the deserters
Middle part Wind N heading W W W on starboard tack
Latter part about 9 A M passed between Isle of Mayo and Tafore also passed close to B K's Ben Cummings and A R Tucker

Monday Mar 11th
First Calm about 7 P M breeze sprang up from S W steering W by S and SW Nothing

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Monday Mar 11th
Middle Calm Latter part moderate breze from WNW heading NbE & ship about ½ way between Bisayas and Celebes Isls saw blackfish

Tuesday Mar 12th
First moderate heading from NWbW to ENE by the wind on port tack several of the men were taken sick vomiting this afternoon dont know what to make of it exactly
Middle & Latter parts light moderate weather ship heading NNE on starboard tack saw blackfish watch employed variously

Wednesday Mar 13th
First light weather from same quarter employed repairing spare boat overhead
Middle & Latter parts about calm look out for water sighted Isl of Kabrauns at daylight bearing NWbW

Thursday Mar 14th
First fine breze from N heading WbN finished repairing boat watch employed cleaning rice
Middle & Latter part moderate heading NNW on starboard tack

Friday Mar 15
First fine breeze heading in for anchorage
Middle part about 8 PM came to anchor off Calibabo in 19 fathoms water with 60 fm chain out
Latter part breaking out for water casks

1852

Remarks toward Tallibabo & while at anchor

Saturday Mar 16th
First got off small raft water and cut and got off a boat load of wood
Latter part cutting wood on shore and filling a raft of water

Sunday Mar 17th
First got off 2 loads of wood but being rugged could not get off water broke out beef and pork
Latter part all hands ashore on a run

Monday Mar 18th
First strong breze rugged all hands returned aboard
Latter part got off raft of water and cutting wood

Tuesday Mar 19th
First employed stowing water Bk A R Tucker came in to an anchor having taken 2 whales 2 days before Latter part got off boat of wood and sent in a raft for water

Wednesday 20th
First got off water Bk Benj Cummings came to anchor at town of Leron
Latter part got off boat of wood stowing off Mr Caleb ~~Latter part got off~~ 1 casks of water and finished stowing off report came that mother ship was at Leron to day

Thursday Mar 21st
First finished stowing off
Latter part about 10 A M we hove up Brade on and squared away to the southward
Discharged one of our Natives and stayed him off

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

1872

Friday Mar 22nd
First wind from N E ship by the wind on starboard tack employed clearing up generally
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from N E ship by the wind on starboard tack at daylight Hammock Isl. bore N watch employed variously

Saturday Mar 23rd
First wind the same heading the same rove new main topgallant braces of 2nd hand towline also rove new starboard spanker boom and bent new boat sail for starboard boat broke out molasses and unbent awning for repairs
Middle & Latter part light airs from N and E ship working to windward along west side of Mindanao employed fitting awning

Sunday Mar 24th
First weather light ship about 10 miles from Isl of Mindanao washed paint work inside and gramposes Middle Moderate
Latter part light moderate weather from N and E

Monday Mar 25th
First light airs from same quarter stood well in on Mindanao shore saw porpoises and gramposes
Latter part light airs from S E steering N W along the land broke out water beef and pork also a bbl of fish

Tuesday Mar 26th
First light from S W steering N W by W employed overhauling anchor gear made new ring stopper
Middle & Latter parts moderate from E employed assorting potatoes

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from Sallibabo toward Straits of Basilan
Wednes
Wednesday Mar. 27th
First wind light from S by the wind on port tack
finished potatoes
Middle & Latter parts light winds from same pt,
employed repairing main topmast stay sail and
fitting after davit to bow boat

Thursday Mar 28th
First moderate laying off to southward of straits
of Basilan saw Mackerel lowered but got nothing
Middle & [illegible] moderate from S employed
repairing foff topsail saw plenty of porpoise

Friday Mar 29th
First light airs from S steering up for straits of
Basilan got anchor off bow on chain bent prepared
for use finished foff topsail and got
new rope on [illegible] fly jib started cask beef
Middle and Latter parts moderate from WSW
working through straits of Basilan on the Basilan
shore

Saturday Mar 30th
First wind about W NW current setting against us
came to anchor about 3 P.M. in 20 fathoms water
between Coco Isl and Basilan at 6 PM
current slacked made sail hove up and tried it
again Middle part worked through the straits
Latter part off mouth of straits to westward
sent down fore top gallant sail to cut it off saw
plenty of finbacks

Sunday Mar 31st
First sent fore top gallant sail
Middle & Latter parts moderate saw nothing

1870

Remarks on board Bkt Stafford while

Monday Apr 1st
First Moderate Lost in under Mindanao
found by pump that paint oil had sprung
a leak broke it out and found the Cockroache
had eaten through the wood lost 5 or 6 Gallons
They are getting too much for us the oil I expect
will be starting next
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from N E
Cruising off N coast Mindanao employed
repairing Mainsail

Tuesday Apr 2nd
First Wind and weather the same
employed the same as above saw plenty of finbacks
Middle & Latter parts about 10 miles off Land
saw 3 large schools blackfish lowered and
larboard boat fastened but drawed

Wednesday Apr 3rd
First finished Mainsail and bent it
broke out flour stood off shore saw nothing
Middle and Latter parts Cruising from 8 to 15 M
off the land, saw finbacks rove new tackle falls
to small 4 fold tackle

Thursday Apr 4th
First Wind and weather the same about 3 PM
Squared away for straits of Basilan steering SW
Middle first & Latter working through the
straits saw nothing, broke out beef

Friday Apr 5th
First passed through straits and hauled into
S W saw a bark also steering into the
broke out water and otherways variously employed

Cruising in Vicinity of Isle Mindanao & Soolow

1872

Apr 6th
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from NW
Well off shore from Low Isls & eastward of Soolow
saw 1 sail at daylight Noted ship Carrington

Saturday Apr 6th
First Moderate from SSW heading W by N Soolow
E point bearing W dist 4½ miles Watch employed
Grinding Corn saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter part light breez from the S tapering
off S E point of Soolow with current setting to SW
sweeping us down along the land pretty close in

Sunday Apr 7th
First light air from SE & current sweeping us
along the land and was obliged to anchor about
5 P M & lost in on SE of Pata in 10 fathoms
water current setting on on to land sent ashore and
out a few Sea poles got starboard anchor off the bow
and sent on shore Middle and
Latter part got underway with a light air from off shore
saw a whaling bark to the eastward but no whales

Monday Apr 8th
First light airs and calm Jammoned B. & A. Tracker
Rickelson had seen nothing
Middle & Latter parts light airs saw nothing of account
Watch employed cleaning rice

Tuesday Apr 9th
First weather the same watch employed the same
Jammed the A R Tracker again
Middle & Latter parts light Moderate weather cruising
from 9 to 15 Miles off the SE of Soolow saw Blackfish

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

1872

Wednesday Apr 10th
First light breez from the N W cruising around to S of Saloo saw nothing broke out water
Middle & Latter part light moderate weather laying about 15 miles to the S of Saloo saw grampus
Watch employed cleaning ship

Thursday Apr 11th
First calm watch employed as above saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from W S W & W S W steering from S to W S W saw nothing of account
Made new block strap for 4 fold Tackle

Friday Apr 12th
First wind same steering S W by W employed shortening main back pendants & bent starboard chain and stowed it below . about 2 P M raised a sail which proved to be A R Tucker manoevering as though she had a whale
Middle & Latter parts moderate from W S W steering W by S watch employed cleaning iron work on windlass saw A R Tucker astern with head yards aback probably cutting

Saturday Apr 13th
First wind and weather same also steering and employed as above . saw grampus and porpoise
Middle part running off to S W wind light from W
Latter part hauled our wind inshore saw nothing of account Saw Saw Isls bearing N W dist 10 M

Sunday Apr 14th
First on off shore tack moderate weather saw a sail at sundown off to S W S watch employed cleaning and painting windlass

1850

cruising off Tooboo and Tawe Tawe and Pairing

Sunday Apr 14th
Middle & Latter Parts moderate heading toward the land saw nothing of account

Monday Apr 15th
First light airs Jammed Bk & R Tucker had taken 9 whales Making 40 bbls
Middle & Latter Parts light airs from eastward steering W SW about 8 A M raised a school of whales going into NW lowered the boats when larboard and starboard boats struck a small whale one turned up and took him along side and other struck out for land Tawe Tawe bore NW dist 15 miles (the Low Islands) off the above Island

Tuesday Apr 16th
First gave up the whales left Tucker's boats chasing got along side about 6 P M
Middle hooked on cut one whale and set watch for the night Latter part cut in other whale and started the works

Wednesday Apr 17th
First, boiling and cutting up blubber
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm finished boiling turned up 94 bbls

Thursday Apr 18th
First weather the same except a slight shower employed clearing up generally
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm raised Bk A R Tucker to SW of us saw plenty of porpoises filled larboard boats when she rolled badly

1872

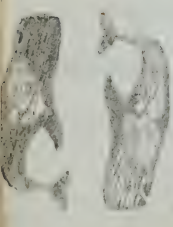
Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Friday Apr 19th
First part light airs from the NE steering WbS
the low Isls to south of Tawe Tawe about 10 m dist
Jammoned Bk A R Tucker Capt Ricketson who
by accident having lost a boatsteerer came on
board and effected an exchange of 2 men we receiv
a Portugeese by the name of Antone Soucars and
giving in return one Thomas A Bates an Amer
green hand from home to go as boatsteerer on
board the A R Tucker
Middle & Latter parts steering the same as above
employed breaking out in fore hold for stowing oil

Saturday Apr 20th
First part Calm current setting to eastward
employed coopering and stowing casks in fore hold
for oil saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from NE steering
WSW low islands off Tawe Tawe in sight from aloft
employed running oil stowed 94 bbls 90 galls

Sunday Apr 21st
First weather the same also steering the same the Tuck
worked off to southward out of sight last night
watch employed steering &c generally saw nothing
Middle light airs Latter part fine breeze from
NE steering WbS Island on NE part of the off
Sugitan group bore WbN at daylight saw
Bark A R Tucker but no sign of whales

Monday Apr 22nd
First Moderate from NE at sundown hove ship
off the south end of reef heading ESE
Middle & Latter parts Moderate with rain saw
blackfish lowered and got 2 reef N dist 9 miles



Cruising off the reef in vicinity of Logeitan islands

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Tuesday Apr 23rd
First about calm laying off S W reef dist 3 miles employed clearing away Blackfish saw A R Tucker at daylight but she stood off to NW in shore Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm scraped clams and grass off ships bottom

Wednesday Apr 24th
First calm employed boiling Blackfish reef bearing W dist 4 miles saw nothing Middle & Latter parts wind N E saw a large white water bearing S. dist 3 miles kept away for it the Blackfish made about 3 bbls

Thursday Apr 25th
First wind from same quarter steering from S to S W saw nothing more of white water our oil has started leaking again
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from N E heading by the wind E S E to S E sighted some low islands on coast of Borneo set up fly jib stay and fore top gallant backstays saw nothing of whales

Friday Apr 26th Lat. N 2,23 Lon E 133,00
First wind light from N E ship by wind on port tack current setting us down on to land to S W employed breaking out in main hatch to find the leak in oil but did not find it stowed back to try again
Middle part equally baffling winds
Latter part strong breeze from E N E ship by the wind on port tack employed breaking out in fore hole but found no leak saw nothing of account
Broke out beef and pork

1872

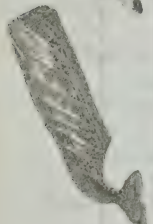
Remarks on board Bk Stafford

Saturday Apr 27th
First fine breze from ENE heading SE sighted
low Islands of Murass reef bearing SW
saw nothing at all in the fish line
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm at daylight
Cape Rivers bore SE dist 20 miles
Boke out and sounding around in after hatch

Sunday Apr 28th
First calm stowed back in after hatch have
not found the leak as yet by sounding the casks
Middle & Latter parts light airs from off the land which
being about 20 miles dist saw grampuses

Monday Apr 29th
First light airs from NNW steering WSW Cape
Rivers NE & E 15 Miles dist saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts calm North watcher & dist
10 miles raised sp. whales in shore going to NE
lowered boats in chase when all 3 boats fastened paist
boat drugged a loose whale and killed him Capt
took whales along side the other boat chasing

Tuesday Apr 30th
First about 4 PM larboard boat struck and loosed
another Capt on board cutting
Middle part about 1½ PM boats came along side with
whale the bk Kathaleen's boat had boarded us
being 7 Mw and 80 bbls
Latter part cutting and boiling



Wednesday May 1st
First strong breze from SW jammed on Bk Kathaleen
she had picked up our dead whale and was boiling
Middle and part heavy rain squalls

Cruising in Lat. & Long. of North Arthur Pt. Kamtschatka

1872

Wednesday May 1st
Latter part strong breeze from SW steering E by N
saw a Merchant Ship bound to southward
employed cutting cutting blubber and boiling

Thursday May 2nd
First wind SW steering NE employed boiling
broke out water and molasses
Middle & Latter parts light airs from NE cruising off
Cape Rivers employed boiling saw a Merchant bessail
and Bk, Kathleen

Friday May 3rd
First calm finished boiling turned up 60 bbls
saw nothing in the fish line
Middle & Latter parts moderate from NE ship working
to windward along the land started cask of flour

Saturday May 4th
First calm, laying 8 miles off shore jammed Bk
Kathleen and got 6 whale lines, we have 60 new ones
Middle & Latter parts moderate saw blackfish
broke out a cask of oil in main hatch and cooperd it

Sunday May 5th
First calm employed variously. saw cutting
Middle & Latter parts light airs from eastward ship
by the wind heading NNE saw nothing of account

Monday May 6th
First calm Land bearing S dist 30 miles, saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light moderate weather from ENE
heading N saw Bk Kathleen
Employed breaking out in after hatch preparatory to
stowing down saw blackfish

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

1872

Tuesday May 7th
First Calm employed stowing down oil on port side after hatch Middle & Latter parts light airs from NW & ship heading E finished stowing oil stowed 56 bbls 12 Sells

Wednesday May 8th
First about Calm employed stowing off in after and main hatchways, saw large bodies of blackfish started cask of beef and pork and Molasses
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm working to N
broke out in fore hole on port side ground tier 2 length abaft hatchway and found 2 casks leaking hoops all slacked up lost about 2 bbls from 5 casks

Thursday May 9th
First strong rain squall and wind from westward steering from E to N stowed back in fore hatch
Middle & Latter parts, light airs and calms working into NE saw land at daylight bearing S by E
broke out oil in fore peak on port side

Friday May 10th
First stowed back in fore peak found oil in good order
Middle & Latter parts Calm broke out in fore peak on starboard side coopered oil and stowed back

Saturday May 11th Lat 2.10 N Lon E 121.16
First Calm saw nothing broke out & ground tier one length abaft fore hatch coopered it and partially stowed back found one cask with a rotten stave
Middle & Latter light baffling winds trying to work to westward employed stowing back in fore hole

Sunday May 12th
First light airs from NE steering WSW saw nothing in fish hole

1872

Cruising around Capes Rivers and Dondaldl, Celebes
1872

Sunday May 12th
Raised Celebes Isl bearing S½E broke out water and washed ship inside rove new starboard fore sheet
Middle & Latter parts light breeze from W & steering S½W at daylight Cape Rivers bore E dist 30 miles saw a sail off to the eastward

Monday May 13th Lat 1,42 N Lon, E 120, 41
First calm saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts light airs from off the land ship by the wind heading S½W sent down fore topsail for repairs

Tuesday May 14th Lat 1,36 N Lon E 120, 56
First wind about S½W ship heading on inshore tack at sundown tacked off shore land about 6 miles dist, finished fore topsail and bent it saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate breeze from S½W ship working to windward, Employed breaking out ground tier on starboard side in main hatch

Wednesday May 15th
First moderate from same quarter employed stowing back in main hatch having coopered all oil from main hatch forward
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from S by W ½W ship working into S½W North watcher at daylight bore about E dist 20 miles Employed breaking out on port side in main hatch

Thursday May 16th Lat N 1, 07 Lon, E 120, 22
First strong breeze from same quarter stowed back in main hatch now have coopered all oil forward of main hatches that abeft looks in good order as yet rove new starboard fore topgallant sheet

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from Rio

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Thursday May 16th

Last Middle and Latter parts strong breeze from S W working to windward along the land saw a fog bound to Northward and Eastward

Friday May 17th

First a squall heavy one from S W came on we came down to double reef Main topsail and foresail squall lasted about 3 hours then set whole topsails heading W by W Cooper employed fitting over casks saw nothing

Middle and latter parts fine breeze from W S W trying to get to windward but unable no heading barely hold our own set up jib and fly jib on we are about 1/3 of the bay from Cape Rivers to Watcher saw last a live thing

Saturday May 18th Lat S 1,08 Lon E, 20,23

First wind and weather same have lost ground since yesterday Cooper fitting casks hatch employed in various ship duties

Middle part strong breeze steering W N W

Latter part took a heavy squall from W N W lasted about 4 hours caught about 12 lbs of rain water

Sunday May 19th Lat 2,03 Lon E 118,56

First weather better made all sail steering N W by saw nothing washed paint work inside

Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from W S W steering N W saw porpoises

Monday May 20th Lat 2,55 S Lon E 119,12

First Moderate from W heading W N W saw boat

Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from W steering W N W take out cask of bread and Thursday Cooper employed

1872

Macassar Eastward Leyritian Reef Coast of Sumatra

Tuesday May 21st Lat N 2.32 Lon E 118,22
First Moderate breeze with calms saw land bearing
from NW to N. Islands to SW of Leyritian Group
Made new hose to pumps and new boat keg for larboard bow
Middle part light airs from eastward steering NW
Latter part took a squall of wind and rain from SW
steering E by N the island to W of Leyritian reef bore NE dist
8 Miles saw nothing of account

Wednesday May 22nd Lat N 2.13 Lon E 118,04
First Moderate from westward steering E passing about
2 Miles to southward of reef then hauled up to northward
died out calm broke out water current setting NE
Middle part laying off to eastward of reef calm
Latter part fine breeze from SW cruising off & on by
reef employed painting or coallaring inside saw pumpfish

Thursday May 23rd
First calm saw nothing of account broke out big & pork
Middle & latter parts light airs and calms saw black fish
reef NW dist 6 miles employed cleaning ourselves & ship

Friday May 24th
First light airs and calm about 1 PM kept boat & crew
and started for the reef Middle part calm
Latter part moderate airs from SW with calms at times
Current setting NE strong Capt returned last
night about 8 PM found nothing of note caught a few
fish the reef is of a volcanic origin on South side

Saturday May 25th
First moderate from SW heading by the wind to southward
sighted the sandbank and reef to SW of Tree Island bearing
N E one mile from fore brace saw nothing of account
Middle & latter parts light airs and calm saw nothing

Remarks on board Bk Stafford Cable

1872

Sunday May 26th
First light saw Fanning I. Cruising off to eastward of same all day nothing of account
Stood down a cask of oil that Capn repaired
Middle and Latter parts moderate from E & E by S
Saw a large school of porpoises & grampuses

Monday May 27th
First calm with an occasional cats paw
sighted the sand bank to S Way Fanning
Middle & Latter parts find from eastward and working to windward saw grampuses reamed out the
Scuttlebutt and broke out water

Tuesday May 28th
First moderate from the eastward ship heading
from N to NW & by wind on starboard tack
Low islands off Fanning bearing at sundown
from NW by W to NE & by N dist 12 miles Watch
employed variously
Middle & Latter parts moderate the same as above
employed cleaning and seal tarring bob stays

Wednesday May 29th
First moderate from eastward working to windward
Fanning bearing NW by W low island dist 8 miles
at sundown Cleaning jib and fly jib Martingale stays
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms
employed as above, Island of Fanning bore NW by W
light land just in sight from deck saw blackfish

Thursday May 30th
First part calm. lowered the boats in chase
Struck one and made about 2 bbls

Cruising from Leyitian reef to Kabingaan island

Thursday May 30th
First Middle & Latter parts, Moderate from the southward
island of Parangan bearing W at daylight dist 15 miles
saw grampus and plenty of drift wood

Friday May 31st
First Moderate breeze from southward with light rain saw
nothing of account Made new canvas draw bucket
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from E by S Cruising
off to SE of Parangan 1000 12 miles dist saw plenty
of driftwood but no whales

Saturday June 1st
First moderate employed cleaning iron work
went 4 PM took a squall of wind and rain took in
light sails bore ship heading SE & on starboard tack
Middle & Latter parts light airs from Eastward current
setting us into NE Soooo Isle, in sight to Northward
dist 20 miles saw grampus and plenty of driftwood

Sunday June 2nd
First Moderate from E by S steering S by E
watch employed variously, saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts squally at times calm
Isl of Kabingaan bore W at daylight saw a sail
off to eastward

Monday June 3rd
First bore ship heading to Eastward the whaler proved
to be bark A R Tucker Ricketson had seen her
once since we saw her in April but got nothing
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from Southward heading
from SW to WSW saw 2 merchant ships going into NE
Cove out pork and started a new cask of beef
saw nothing in the fish line Off for a whale

1872

Remarks on board of H.B.C. Steamer Raffoord

Tuesday June 4th
First strong breeze with rain from the E.S.E. steering S.E. by E. the Isle of Tawi Tawi bore N.W. by N. at noon low land just in sight from deck Rove new fore Maintopsail brace
Middle & Latter parts light breeze from E.S.E. steering S.S.W. saw nothing Watch employed variously

Wednesday June 5th
First fine breeze from E.N.E. steering S.W. by S. Rove new fore topgallant sheet saved about ½ bbl of blackfish oil from blackfish caught a week ago our pumpings show oil leaking again slightly
Middle part heavy rain storm from N.E.
Latter part moderate from E.S.E. steering S.W. broke out flour saw plenty of drift wood

Thursday June 6th
First moderate from S.E. steering S.S.W. fitted bowsprit shrouds they are all gone good for nothing about 4 P.M. sighted a low island off the coast of Borneo bearing S. Tacked ship heading N.E. saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light moderate airs from the northward & eastward of Pt. Baruntia bearing S.E. by E. dist 15 m. at daylight Employed setting up the head gear

Friday June 7th
First wind the same as above sighted isle on Mantanani reef bearing S. employed setting up bob stays and fore stay saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts wind about E. steering from E.S.E. to S. sighted low islands to S. of Mawas reef employed setting up main topmast head stay and fitting fore stays

1872

in Celebes Sea and Straits of Macassar 1.72

Saturday June 8th
First part Moderate from the eastward steering S
sighted S E point of Borneo bearing S W
employed setting up fore rigging saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms
S E point of Borneo bearing N W dist 20 miles at daylight
Land plain in sight to S and E employed setting
up jib and flying jib stays and fore topmast and top gallant
back stays also main stays saw nothing

Sunday June 9th
First fine breeze from N E and E heading by wind on
port tack saw a sail to the E S E
employed setting up port main rigging and backstays
Middle part light Moderate weather from same quarter
Latter part wind about S E ship by the wind to southward
South Watcher bore E at daylight saw one sail

Monday June 10th
First Moderate from the S and E stood clost in under
Lee of South Watcher saw nothing and stood off on off
shore tack again with no signs of life
Middle & Latter parts light airs from the southward
Cruising off to westward of South Watcher employed
seizing off lanyards to lower rigging and set up main
top gallant and royal backstays saw grampus

Tuesday June 11th
First Moderate just about hold our own current setting
to the northward, hands employed as above
saw plenty of porpoise and grampus
Middle & Latter parts Moderate as usual cruising to W
of South Watcher saw nothing of account
Set up Mizzen top mast & top gallant backstays

Remarks on board Bk Stafford while

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Wednesday June 12th
First Moderate from the southward stood close in on the Land to southward of South Watcher saw Blackfish Middle & Latter parts Moderate from southward saw Blackfish we just manage to hold our own and no more watch employed scattering fire chains

Thursday June 13th
First weather light watch employed as yesterday also set up port main topmast rigging
Middle part heavy rain storm from Northward
Latter part light airs and calm are about in same place as we have been for last 2 days saw nothing

Friday June 14th
First fine breeze from the Northward steering from S & E ½ E by K, saw nothing, watch employed variously Middle & Latter parts rainy wind from N E round to S E saw one prow working to southward along the Land

Saturday June 15th
First fine breeze from W S W receding to southward along the Land saw no signs of whales watch employed cleaning straps around deadeyes to fore rigging
Middle & Latter part winds variable with fine breeze from shore at times broke out beef and pork

Sunday June 16th
First raised a breech of to N E ½ E dist 3 miles but saw nothing more of it saw a sail off to N E two
broke out Molasses
Middle & Latter parts. light airs from off the Land ship working to southward saw nothing

Cruising in Straits of Macassar

Monday June 17th
First, Calm saw Nothing Cape William bore S by E dist 8 to 10 miles
Middle & Latter parts Moderate Employed breaking out on port side abaft the bubbler down and coopering oil saw Nothing

Tuesday June 18th
First, Moderate employed coopering and steering back ship about 40 miles off from the land
Middle and Latter parts weather light saw Nothing Employed breaking out on port side in after hatch and coopering oil

Wednesday June 19th
First Moderate from Westward steering in toward the land, Employed steering back in after hatch
Middle & Latter parts Moderate ship about miles the land in vicinity of Cape William Employed breaking out and coopering oil saw one sail

Thursday June 20th
First strong breeze from the Southward employed steering back and coopering
Middle part gammoned Bk Sunbeam, Sowers, of N Bedford with 100 bbls sperm had saw Nothing since he has been out here Latter part strong breeze from S running along the land to the Southward employed steering back on after hatch

Friday June 21st
First, Wind and weather the same as yesterday finished steering back on after hatch saw Nothing
Middle part, heavy squalls from off shore
Latter part. light baffling winds ship working to Southward took out oil on Starboard side of Mainmast and coopered it

1839

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Friday June 22nd
First strong breeze from westward reading northward
finished coopering oil started cask of flour 14 bags
at 3 PM off Palos bay . saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the southward
steering to N.W.C saw bk Sunbeam in shore off Watch
Set fore Main topmast and topgallant back stays

Saturday June 23rd
First wind the same steering N by E washed paint work
inside saw porpoise and got 2 Cks for a Whale
Middle & Latter parts moderate from S until 1 PM
took heavy squall of wind and rain from westward
at daylight Cape Rivers bore S.E dist 30 Miles

Monday June 24th
First fine breeze from abeam S, steering N saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the S and E
about 2 PM. took a smart squall from S and E
reading N.W.B, put a patch on fore topsail also mended it

Tuesday June 25th
First fine breeze from S, and E, steering N by W
Commenced to wet hole for the first time
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from Southward
Isls of Tawi Tawi bearing N.W by W employed setting
up Main topmast spring stay, Cook off duty sick

Wednesday June 26th
First Moderate from S.E steering N.W by W saw Blackfish
Watch employed variously, at sundown shortened sail
and came too aback on port tack heading S.W by S to
to S.W of Tawi Tawi dist 5 Miles N by W
Middle & Latter parts Moderate from S.E heading along
the land to N.E employed cleaning Main chains saw nothing

Thursday March 21st Second Isls of Tavi Tavi 1872

Tuesday June 27th
First Moderate from S & E looking along the low islands of Savi Savi to the eastward Coaltured Main chains and set up Starboard main topmast riggin saw nothing of account Middle & Latter parts Moderate off to S of Savi Savi saw a school of blackfish and Bk Sunbeam to leeward

Friday June 28th
First Moderate trying to get to eastward current setting SW strong watch cleaning Wm Cook broke out beef & pork Middle & Latter parts Light Moderate weather from the S & E trying to get to eastward have about all we can do to keep off the land broke out butter

Saturday June 29th
First Light breez from S & E current setting to S W saw blackfish and Bk Sunbeam to SW Middle part calm about 6 P M lowered 2 boats and towed about 2 hours to S & E when a breez sprung up from S & E Latter part Moderate from southward steering to eastward about 10 miles S of low Isls off Savi Savi

Sunday June 30th
First Moderate with 2 heavy squalls from eastward at sundown furled light sails and reef in to sails Middle & Latter Parts strong breez from SW with rain steering E by S Saddle Island bearing NW & saw nothing

Monday July 1st
First strong squally weather from the all quarters Middle & Latter parts winds variable ~~wind~~ with rain broke out flour barley a new chest of tea and started cask head

Tuesday July 2nd
First Moderate laying off to S & E of Saddle saw nothing

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

1872

Tuesday July 2nd
Latter moderate from eastward broke out in fore hole to Cooper oil again when about 7 A.M. Sp. whales bearing E S E not shy and uneasy lowered the boats in chase

Wednesday July 3rd
First part Moderate from eastward chased the whales until sunset but did not get a chance at them got pretty handy once or twice but they were as wild as hawks. Soolos bore at time N W 100 miles Middle & Latter parts wind from E S E broke out in fore hole oil in ground on port side and coopered it

Thursday July 4th
First weather squally employed stowing back in fore hole ship working into eastward saw nothing Middle & Latter parts moderate from the S. E. & steering N E employed Coopering the ground tier on port side in main hole saw blackfish

Friday July 5th
First part wind from the southward steering E finished the ground from fore hole to chain pier saw nothing Middle part squally heavy rain Latter part moderate from the northward steering E broke out beef and stowed back in the hole Mendanao bearing to eastward saw grampus.

Saturday July 6th
First Calm watch employed variously saw nothing Middle part heavy rainy weather from S W Latter part rather better made sail heading in towards Mendanao off the mouth of Serangan bay saw nothing

Log of Feelee Towards Tallibobo Island 1872

Monday July 7th
First Wind S.E. to came in from sea it being hard to hold on to any Topsails Steered Courses to Near Running Bk Isd bearing E by S Reefed Main Peak and fore Topmast Staysail Sheet Middle part heavy weather from N.W. Latter part Strong Breze from N.W. Coming off to S.W. of Hammock Island saw Blackfish

Monday July 8th
First Heavy squalls Weather from N.W. Heading S.E. under reef Topsails and Courses saw nothing
Middle part strong heavy Weather from N.W. heading S.
Latter part off to S.W. & for Tongier Wind to Squared away for Tallibobo steering E by N saw nothing

Tuesday July 9th
First Wind from N.W. steering E by S Reefed fore Topgallant Halliards bent Chains and got anchors off to preparatory to Comming to anchor at 2 P.M. came to off Tallibobo
Latter part Barking and and cutting wood

Wednesday July 10th
First Getting raft for water cutting wood ashore, and repairing Spanker
Latter part got off 2 loads of wood

Thursday July 11th
First got off raft of wood 40 bbls. Bk A. R. Tucker, is at Anchor at Leeun harbor, sent our cook ashore Yesterday to board Latter part got off another raft of water, 2 Men ashore helping to make a topmast

Friday July 12th
First Employed running water and stowing off in hole
Latter part Bk Adeline Gibbs arrived 120 bbls of

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Remarks on board Sir Stafford from

Saturday July 13th
First Got off another raft of Water and finished an eight squared the topmast
Latter part cutting wood ashore and got off one boat load

Sunday July 14th
First Cutting up wood got off one boat load 35 & 16 Tucke
passed through the passage to the southward
Latter part all hands ashore on a run

Monday July 15th
First all hands ashore but returned at sundown
Latter part employed cutting wood ashore

Tuesday July 16th
First got off boat load of wood Kept with a gang
getting new topmast down to beach
Latter part got off 2 cask of water and topmast
along side

Wednesday July 17th
First got topmast on board also one we bought from
Madeline Tibbs, a good stick but too short for her
Bobs discharged and payed off 2 Men a portuguese
we shipped here last July and a native shipped in Dec
Latter part about 6 A.M got under way and stood to
southward having about 50 bushels of potatoes 6 loads of
wood and 120 lbs of water Cook returned on board bette

Thursday July 18th
First Moderate with rain heading W.S.W saw two
prows bound towards Salibabo
Middle & Latter parts light moderate weather from W to
S.S.W ship working to windward saw two
Watch employed variously

Friday July 19th
First part moderate Watch employed shelling corn
Middle & latter part Sido bore SW by W at sundown saw nothing
[illegible]

Saturday July 20th
First light moderate [illegible] & steering [illegible]
setting hold [illegible] oil on the pumps
Middle & latter part calm Sido bearing W by S, Kabrang
N & E hauled the potatoes out of pen assorted them

Sunday July 21st
First fine breeze from the southward steering W by W saw
blackfish and grampus hoisted jib & work inside
Middle & latter part light breeze from S to [illegible]
W & NW tacked to S & E best in under Sido saw nothing

Monday July 22nd
First light [illegible] in the southward [illegible]
to [illegible] ship steering SW
Middle light winds [illegible] astward of Sd Tagoonga
latter part fine breeze from SSW by the wind on starboard [illegible]

Tuesday July 23rd
First [illegible] at 2 PM raised Sd of Nagoo bearing
Watch employed [illegible] hole saw porpoises
Middle & latter part fine breeze steering [illegible]
[illegible] Sido [illegible] light [illegible]
out from bey and [illegible]

Wednesday July 24th
First [illegible] Sido bore [illegible]
[illegible] saw nothing more at

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

1872

Wednesday July 24th
Middle & Latter parts Hasty squally weather from southward laying off & on NW of Ternate trying to get to windward saw Cutthing

Thursday July 25th
First Rainy squally weather from same quarter have not made a great deal of headway today Middle part squally Latter part weather better about 11 AM came to an anchor off Ternate in 18 fathoms of water Bk A R Tucker laying off and on

Friday July 26th
First repaired fore topsail Bk A R Tucker sailed on a cruise, our Cook ashore to see the doctor this afternoon Latter part bought up a quantity of corn and sent letters ashore and about 11 AM have made sail and squared away through the northern passage

Saturday July 27th
First light baffling winds all hands employed shelling corn ship at anchor off Henry's Island saw a bark to the southward supposed to be Adeline Gibbs have sold our spare boat (an old one) at Ternate Middle part moderate Latter part strong breeze from the SW heading NW & NW broke out 4 bbls cask beef saw a merchant vessel bound to southward

Sunday July 28th
First strong breeze from same quarter watch employed shelling corn have got 18 bush of fine corn at anchor ship between Isle of Tyfore & [illegible]
Middle part fine breeze from S steering W
Latter part off NE end of Celebes strong breeze from S steering for passage between Banca and Bejaren isle

1872

Ternate Toward, and around Manado Tour 1872

July Monday the 29th
First light baffling winds laying in passage between Bejaren and Banca isls Sat porpoises
Middle part running off to NW toward Manado Tour a school of whales passed hands to the ship apparently going SW Latter part ambent the mainsail and started to rip it up then about 9 AM we raised a school of Sp whales coming to eastward quick lowered the boats but ballied them and started them nshore to SEtwo The island of bore SW dist 6 miles

Tuesday July 30th
First light airs and calm about 3 PM waist boat struck a small ball the others going into it quick Middle part strong breeze employed cutting up blubber Latter part cruising off Manado Tour employed boiling

Wednesday July 31st
First light airs and calm saw nothing, employed boiling Middle part calm finished boiling turned up 10 bbls Latter part off Manado Tour employed clearing up generally Took out new mainsail

Thursday ~~July~~ Aug 1st
First calm, off Manado Tour which bore E dist 3 miles raised a white water off in range of Town of Manado 3m dist when to our surprise a school of Sp whale came up about 1 mile dist coming quick toward the ship lowered the boats but whales heard us and away they went to the eastward turning to eastward again then about 4 PM larboard boat baited them but whale heard the boat and away they went to SE, at sundown whales 3 miles from boats heading up for Straits of Banca
Middle part calm

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Remarks on board Sh Stafford 2 Mate

Thursday ~~July~~ Aug 1st
Latter part Manado Tour S E dist 4 miles at daylight saw whales all around us lowered boats in chase when Larboard and waist boats struck Waist got stove and starboard boat took his line got one whale along side and started off for the whales again

Friday Aug 2nd
First got other whale along side and took waist boat on the house the Larboard and bow boats returned at 4 PM we cutting gear cut them in and set to
Middle part cutting up blubber Latter part boiling

Saturday Aug 3rd
First calm laying off Manado Tour boiling Capt repairing starboard boat saw grampus
Middle part calm finished boiling turned up about 19 bbls
Latter part clearing up generally bent a new mainsail
Capt repairing waist boat

Sunday Aug 4th
First light rain with rain from S SW ship working to westward both employed coopering Capt repairing boat saw nothing
Middle & Latter part light variable airs saw nothing

Monday ~~Aug~~ 5th
First light airs from all quarters trying to work to windward the land saw a white water about 2 PM but saw nothing more
Middle & Latter parts moderate employed mending foresail

Tuesday Aug 6th
First moderate from off shore working to NE employed on foresail, Capt mending waist boat saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts working to windward into NE finished foresail and bent it saw nothing

1872

Cruising in Vicinity of Bermuda Tour of 1872

Wednesday Aug 7th
First part beginning off Bermuda Tour Capt at work on the boat we got watch hot hide take out water and sent in fore jib for repairs we are working up old mainsail on the after side sails to make them hold out the latter part Moderate Tour VS Employed Bending fly jib bitts out reef

Thursday Aug 8th
First Moderate off Bermuda Tour saw Blackfish and a sail off to Northward Capt repairing mainsail boat watch employed on fly jib Cut up mizzen top gallant stay sail to repair it with Middle part light & pleasant steering Latter part off to NE of Bermuda Tour working to eastward first part set on the cranes and took in the two boat for repairs, watch at work on fly jib saw grampus Broke out bag

Friday Aug 9th
First Moderate heading out the passage to SW of Bermuda finished fly jib and sent it saw Nothing of account Middle part passed out into Bahama passage heading E by S Latter part heading by wind on Starboard tack Made in light bearing SE Employed stowing down sail

Saturday Aug 10th
First fine breeze with some rain off to SW of Nassau 1st 1 Mile dist at sundown finished stowing down stowed 23 lbs and 10 galls saw a brig working to eastward middle part off Nassau passing winds with rain Latter part midnight Lem Lentivard between Nassau and Florida to take out Cask of bread and one of pork saw nothing

Sunday Aug 11th
First moderate at sundown set a Jamaica one light to us employed steering back in afternoon saw nothing

Remarks on board Bk Offord from

1872

Sunday Aug 11th
Middle part moderate. Latter part off Ternate about 8 A.M. Capt went ashore after fishers Took out pilot

Monday Aug 12th
First moderate run down inside off the town saw Bk Sunbeam Travers had been Tidoles once since he had her. Capt returned and we sparred away with a light, steering to northward
Latter part calming along the land to northward Watch employed variously saw nothing

Tuesday Aug 13th
First moderate steering along the land to N.W. sent down main top mast staysail for repairs
Middle & Latter parts calm current-setting to eastward finished main topmast staysail

Wednesday Aug 14th
First calm laying off to westward of Tidenadin Jumpee saw nothing repaired mizzen topmast-stay sail
Middle & Latter parts moderate from the S and S.W. making up for the straits of Macarty spread cask of corn out to dry watch employed grinding corn

Thursday Aug 15th
First moderate heading in for straits of Macty saw a bark standing into N.W. watch employed as above
Middle part calm Latter part up in head of Bay of Macty current setting us down on to Rua island Took out water

Friday Aug 16th
First calm got part anchor off the bow and about 1 PM hooked the boats on to ship to tow her off shore in N.W. of Rua island. at 4 PM a squall took us and we let go and to go round N end of Macty. Current setting to N.W. Thing in

1872

Friday Aug 16th
Middle part moderate from the eastward, the 1st & last of Heavy to the eastward. Latter part light baffling winds at daylight. Pt Point of Heavy bore N.W. 12 miles, Current setting to the N and W employed getting out the topmast ice out in latitude

Saturday Aug 17th
First part baffling winds with rain, at sundown strong breeze struck us from N.W steering S.E, Heavy N.E point bore about E.N.E 20 miles at sundown
Middle part steering S.E to wind from W.S.W to W.N.W
Latter part strong breeze from W by wind on starboard tack
Hoist at 10 bore W.N.W S.E point, Cape Sand bearing S.W dist 30 miles, 4 Merchant Vessels in sight bound to southward

Sunday Aug 18th
First strong breeze heading S.E by S by the wind on starboard tack clewed down main topsail and fitted reef band employed on topmast saw nothing but those 4 sails took out reef. Middle & Latter parts heading from S.E to S.S.E by the wind on starboard tack saw sails in sight

Monday Aug 19th
First wind the same heading about S.E by S, at 2 P.M raised the land bearing W by S island of Nazgieu
Middle part strong breeze heading S.E at 3 P.M sighted Gonds island tacked and took in light sails heading N.W
Latter part heading S.W by W with top gallant sails furled passed to windward of Barbados 11 about 9 A.M saw a sail bearing

Tuesday Aug 20th
First strong breeze heading W.S.W with light sails furled and single reef foretopsail employed on topmast at sundown Ogang bore S.E by E 20 miles

Remarks on board of Ship Clifford from

Tuesday Aug 20th
Middle strong breeze working to windward saw 2 sails
Latter part at daylight Hang bore S by E 18 miles
ship on starboard tack heading S E with light sails
found finished topmast that we cut and stood it on
end abaft the mainmast

Wednesday Aug 21st
First strong breeze heading the same as above employed
on topmast we bought of Adeline Gibbs saw nothing
Middle part took in light sails and hauled aback
Latter part made all sail and stood to eastward

Thursday Aug 22nd
First strong breeze bore ship heading W by S off to
N E of Badds island Capt and owners employed
in spar watch making new straps for cutting gaff
blocks old ones rotten saw no signs of whales
Middle & Latter parts moderate cruising off Badds &
employed mending gaff topsail saw blackfish

Friday Aug 23rd
First Moderate cruising off to N W of Florentia saw
saw blackfish finished gaff topsail
Middle part moderate heading to S S E
Latter part between Point and Florentia Isls heading to S W
sent down cutting pendants saw nothing

Saturday Aug 24th
First Moderate at sundown Hang bore W by S 12 miles
employed fitting topmast and fitting lashing for pendants
Middle part heading W by S by the wind
Latter part off the S E point of Gibbs weather thick and
rainy about 11 AM cleared up sighted S by W and from S

Pisang and Fiji Lantern as far as Boe island

1872

Sunday Aug 25th
First fine breez heading E sighted Foje and Otosk Isls bearing SE hatch employed washing paint work rove new gaff topsail sheet saw no signs of whales Middle & Latter parts fine weather from SE, cruising in the passage between Otosk and Pisang islands

Monday Aug 26th
First weather fine cruising off to eastward of Otosk isl, saw nothing in form of whales
Middle & Latter parts cruising off to eastward of Isles weather fine from SE & abeam 10 A.M. saw a white water about 6 miles off to windward but saw nothing more of it

Tuesday Aug 27th
First weather as above found the forward starboard corner of the mainmast rotten just above the rigging set in a small piece and fitted it the best we could and lashed the cutting pendants again hatch employed grinding corn finished the new main topmast saw cutting Middle part heading E on starboard tack wind light Latter part off Egg at 9 A.M. Packed heading SE weather light saw blackfish hatch employed knotting rope yarns

Wednesday Aug 28th
First light moderate weather from E by E heading from SE to S fitted ridge of awning and knotting yarns for spunyarn at sundown saw land bearing S by W and also SW Middle part fine breez from N and W steering S at 8 A.M. came up to Boe islands and passed to westward of them Latter part about calm central of Groupe Boe abeam SE by E weather rainy current setting SW saw nothing

Thursday [illegible]
First calm weather cleared up Pisang in sight bearing SW saw nothing

1872

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Thursday Aug 29th
Middle part light weather from SW making & 8
passed around to eastward of Sisan Id and wind
backed around to eastward Latter part Sisan bore N
at daylight dist 15 miles about 8 AM sighted Corean
bearing N Stering Light Watch employed tacking sponges &c

Friday Aug 30th
First fine breeze from SW & steering NE left off
Trigon Topmast and Topgallant head and backstays
& let out reef started cask 4 to bbs sea rolling
Middle part light weather from and N steering NE
Latter part at daylight about 10 miles dist from Corean
Light Vessel from off the land steering NE

Saturday Aug 31st
First Calm set up Starboard foretopmast and Topgallant
backstays and bent out sails at 4 PM light breeze
sprung up from off the land steering NE
Middle part strong breeze from SE steering NE
Latter part strong breeze from SE & steering NE
at 10 AM sighted Kulan Bussey shoal, ran sulphur bottom

Sunday ~~Aug~~ Sept 1st
Latter Calm bent out sails and tacking sponges
at sundown Kulan Bussey bore NW 15 miles wind N
Moderate breeze smelling of sulphur bottoms and passed
Middle & Latter part light airs and calms off south end
of Kulan Bussey trying to work around on west side
observed Starboard ~~&~~ shore of it sulphur bottom & did not go
near him

Monday Sept 2nd
First light airs and calms trying to work with N
Middle & latter part calm sea rolling of account

Ceramic bound Waxway & Wowonie 1872

Tuesday Sept 3rd
First light airs from southward heading to westward
to southward heather thick and smoky employed painting
from last night at Waxway bearing SW by S
Middle part steering from the westward steering NW
Latter part steering from the westward employed variously

Wednesday Sept 4th
First light airs from eastward steering NW by W
in various ships boats employed variously at the main
Middle part moderate with rain steering do
Latter part light airs from eastward steering W by S
Watch employed variously saw plenty of Sulphur bottom

Thursday Sept 5th
First moderate from same quarter, steering do saw
nothing of account Watch employed variously
Middle & latter part moderate from eastward steering
do saw out from Watch employed painting

Friday Sept 6th
First & Middle parts moderate from E to SE saw nothing
Latter part at daylight raised Isle of Waxway SE by E
bearing SW hauled our wind heading SW saw plenty of
Sulphur bottom and porpoise Watch employed variously

Saturday Sept 7th
First part working to southward wind SE saw
nothing of account Watch employed on various ship duties
Middle part working to windward off Waxway &
Latter part gradually from E SE to SSE working to windward
between Waxway and Wowonie isle saw plenty of porpoise

Remarks on board of Brig Wild Rose

1872

Sunday Sept 8th
First part squally from SSE to SE saw nothing at sundown tacked to the eastward close in on north side of Wowoni or Wangi Wangi isle current setting to windward Latter & Middle parts wind the same had made about 5 miles to windward at daylight, stood off shore tacked inshore at noon saw nothing of account

Monday Sept 9th
First part, wind the same have just been able to hold our own saw not a live thing
Middle part working along the land on short tacks
Latter part just cleared along the land on east side of Wowoni island and stretched over toward Boeton broke out peas & cheese, hams water and beef

Tuesday Sept 10th
First squally from SE about 1 AM kept away for Boeton straits got both anchors off the bow and about 9 PM came to anchor in 25 fathoms close in under Boeton about a mile from mouth of the straits sent 2 boats in after wood weather squally with rain at dark boats returned with about ½ boat load
Middle part squally from eastward
Latter part a regular rain storm strong squalls & thick 2 boat crews ashore cutting wood

Wednesday Sept 11th
First rainy boats returned at 4.30 PM tide ran rapid to get wood off tide went down and could not get off before
Latter part at daylight sent in 2 boats for wood got off 4 loads and about 10 AM hove short made sail came out and stood out on starboard tack all hands getting anchors on bow unbending chains &c

1872

at anchor in Boston Harbor, and running in bound

Thursday Sept 12th
First wind from SSE to ESE, ship working to windward
All hands employed cutting up Wood and mending sails
Middle part working to windward wind about SE
Latter part heading E. saw plenty of sulphur bottom
Watch employed cutting up and barking wood

Friday Sept 13th
First heading E by the wind on starboard tack when about
3 PM P.M raised a school of sp. whales off our lee bow running
to windward lowered boats in chase when larboard boat struck
after which starboard and Waist boats struck 4 whales but only
saved one the others were killed without doubt but being
rugged could not find them 2 spouting thick blood
Middle about 9 PM got whales along side set watches
Lat 38 of Browns bore N by E 25 Miles
Latter part cut in the whales and sent down cutting gear

Saturday Sept 14th
First part ship heading SE employed clearing away head
and started works saw plenty of sulpher bottom
Middle part heading to windward employed boiling
Latter part wind about SE cruising around in vicinity
of where we caught the whales employed boiling and cutting up
blubber

Sunday Sept 15th
First Cruising around in hopes to pick up some of the whales
we killed but saw no signs of them broke out flour
Middle part working to southward boiling
Latter part standing along the land on east side of Boston
finished boiling turned up 45 the saw strange sail bearing S

1872

Remarks on board Str Stafford from

Monday Sept 16th
First wind about S.S.E beating to windward leward bay i ha
saw 2 sails one bound to northward the other to southward
found our main stay had stranded in 3 places got up a
preventer and fleeted topsail haces to mainmast
Middle & Latter parts cruising off Nanji bay i
employed sending up a new main stay cut from our new
Manila hawser the old stay gone ribbont all over

Tuesday Sept 17th
First fine breeze from S.E cruising to northward of
Nanji bay i; Set up main stay saw plenty of sujihan
bottom Middle & Latter parts cruising off the north
and N.W side of Nanji bay from 4 to 15 miles off sh
employed breaking out and storing oil in fore hatch

Wednesday Sept 18th
First wind about S.E & cruising the same as above
saw plenty of sujihan bottom and several turns
stowed about 25 bbs in fore hatch on port side
Middle & Latter parts cruising off Nanji bay i
employed breaking out and storing oil in main hatch

Thursday Sept 19th
First cruising the same as above, found a hook off of a
cask of oil on port side in Main hole take out and re pac
it stowed about 15 bbs today. saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts off to N.E Nanji bay i about 2 m
hauled by wind on port tack heading from S.W to S.W
broke out Fore Main topsail and finished stowing off in
stowed in all 43 bbs 22 galls saw sail off heather bow
Started 263 gall cask of bread

Friday Sept 20th
First light breeze heading S.W on port tack, sent down
old Main topsail for repairs and sent up new one

Fridays Sept 20th
Middle part moderate from SSE back heading E by S
Latter part moderate heading E employed repairing
Main topsail putting new cloths in Middle of said
Sail hearing about NW by W no signs of whales

Saturday Sept 21st
First Calm employed on topsail Sail at sundown bearing
N by E dist 25 Miles employed in part grinding cargo
Middle & Latter parts light airs, & Calms. No observation
Watch employed repairing main topsail

Sunday Sept 22nd Lat 70,42 Lon C 123,45
First light airs from eastward heading E by S no nothing
Watch employed as above
Middle & Latter parts calm saw grampus and porpoises

Monday Sept 23rd Lat 7,12 Lon 123,00 E
First Calm saw nothing of account
Middle & Latter parts about Calm Employed as to
light airs at times employed on topsail saw nothing

Tuesday Sept 24th Lat 7,07 N Lon E 123,30
First about 2 PM Moderate breze sprung up & NW & heading
around to NW steering SE employed as above
Middle part took Squall from SE lasted about 2 hours
steering SW Latter part Moderate from Northward
steering SW by W at daylight wind to Northward
& lost 20 miles employed on Main topsail saw a big
Broke out beef & pork

Wednesday Sept 25th Lat 7,50 N Lon E 123,29
First Moderate fm and SE steering W by N to N
finished Main topsail and sent it forward sending down
fore topsail for repairs also sent in fore yard topsail
to repair at sundown Flores Head bore W by N 25 m

1872

Remarks on board Ship Stafford Capt

Wednesday Sept 25th
Middle & Latter parts light airs from NW to NE steering from W to SW had no signs of Whales, repaired fore topmast staysail and bent it

Thursday Sept 26th
First five hours from eastward with current setting to eastward also employed repairing foretopsail at sundown Flores head bore about 5 or 6 miles dist steering W SW
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms the land of Flores in sight bearing about SW distant cask of Sperm 122 gallons also employed on Topsail

~~Wednesday~~ Friday Sept 27th
First light breze from NW employed in ~~Topsail~~ Sewing
Middle & Latter part light airs and calms in company with Ship employed on Topsail

Saturday Sept 28th
First moderate winds from NW steering SE ward Flores straits at sundown kept her SE with light airs got port anchor off bow and chain up a small island with reef bearing about SE & from 8 to 10 miles off broke out Cask of flour 12 bags employed on Topsail
Middle part calm Latter parts light airs from NW to NE steering for straits of Flores finished Topsail send down and set it up on foot

Sunday Sept 29th
First wind from northward about NW entered South of straits of Flores with fair wind and current and at 2 PM came to anchor in 18 fathoms about 1/8 of mile off shore at town of Larantuca on Flores Isl

Anchoring in Flores Sea, and at anchor in Flores Straits

1872

Sunday Sept 29th
Latter part all hands employed in making leather fenders

Monday Sept 30th
First all hands employed Trade in Hull getting out
Cameline and guanuts
Latter part Coke and water casks and fitted them to go ashore

Tuesday Oct 1st
First sent in raft for water and sent down fore and main
also top gallant and topmasts, gang ashore watering
Latter part fitting new topmast " " "

Wednesday Oct 2nd
First sent up new topmast, the old one was rotten and sprung
in the cap
Latter part set up topmast rigging and sent up main yard
and topgallant mast

Thursday Oct 3rd
First crossed topsail and topgallant yards setting up rigging
and straightening up generally
Latter part got water on board 200 Bbls, and stowing off in hold

Friday Oct 4th
First stowing off in hold about 4 PM hove up made sail and
with fore and head current squared away to northward
Middle part about 8 PM came to anchor in 28 fathoms
and swung into 65 fathoms off point of Solor isl East
E entrance of Solor Straits
Latter part calm current setting eastward through the straits

Saturday Oct 5th
First at 4 PM current stacked up and hove up with light
airs from E came to anchor under Flores at 8 PM in 80 fathoms

Remarks on board HM Stafford from

Friday Oct 5th

Latter part found a stream of fresh water on left hand side of the bay heading to the westward, the bay makes in of Flinders strait of Solar straits a ship could enter here with a very little trouble about 11 AM got underway with light baffling winds but no great current

Sunday Oct 6th

First light baffling winds with current setting to northward about 6 PM came to in 22 fathoms about ⅛ mile off shore under Solar about 8 or 10 miles to south of where we were 48h ago

Latter part about 11 AM breeze springing up and hove up with wind to southward tried at again

Monday Oct 7th

First about 3 PM current changed and came to anchor in fathoms 15 about 1 mile from island of Solar close to southern entrance of the straits

Latter part about 7 AM got underway and about 11 AM cleared the small islands at mouth of straits and made sail to these parts for present at easy rate

Thursday Oct 8th

First Moderate ship by wind on starboard tack heading SE Watch employed clearing away gunnel tackles &c about decks Middle light airs and calms

Latter part wind about E steering SE Watch employed repairing foretop gallant sail saw fillers fashions and sulphur boilers

Wednesday Oct 9th

First light airs from SE by E by wind on port tack shifted the topsails bent new at first and set at main and bent foretop gallant sail and plenty of porpoises but no fish

Entrance Straits toward Sandlewood island

Wednesday Oct 9th

Middle part fine breeze heading to E'ward on port tack
Latter part fine breeze heading from N to NE " "
Joined off in the hole got everything below Saw nothing

Thursday Oct 10th Lat 9,16 N Lon E 122.07

First Moderate from NE by the windlass port tack saw nothing
Passed point cork inside isl of Sandlewood at sundown bearing
S'ward 75 Os Middle part light airs from southward
heading along by wind on port tack at 3 A.M. sight the east end
of Sandlewood Isl about ½ mile dist also a vessel
apparently ashore on a dangerous extensive reef which fronts
the land, wore ship immediately, sounded got 7 fathoms, call
all hands and prepared to anchor, stood in an came to in 25
at 4 A.M found the current running about 2 knot to the N. Westward
Latter part at daylight Capt'n went on board of the wreck which
proved to be the British Ship Lakloo of Glasgow apparently
loaded with tea with all masts spars and running gear aloft.
she proved on examination to have been stripped of all sails
cabin stores and furniture, the cargo washed a general
disorder prevailing, abandoned and laying of Dutch possession
nearly on her beam ends with a large hole burst open on larboard
side and the cargo drifting out, the Capt Went on shore
but found no one but natives who informed him the vessel had
been wrecked about 2 Months

Friday Oct 11th

First Capt returned to ship and unrove some of her chain
running gear and brought it on board
Latter part employed in boating off tea and some lighters

Saturday Oct 12th

First and latter parts boating off tea beef & pork and stowing it
in forecastle run an main hole an English brig came in here
from Australia bound to Sourabaya current soon set him to leeward

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

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Sunday Oct 13th
First & Latter part employed in boating off tea and packing ware. Stowing tea below in main hatch having broke out all casks of water and provisions

Monday Oct 14th
First & Latter parts getting off tea stowing in fore hold and cabin

Tuesday Oct 15th
First & Latter parts boating tea stowing on deck

Wednesday Oct 16th
First boating off tea at 2 PM the Dor of a town call Pangamessie came on board and claimed to have charge of wreck but gave permission to proceed as it was necessary to save what could be of cargo Latter part boating off tea

~~Thursday~~ Oct 17th
First employed boating tea Latter part a small steamer came from Sourabaja (on Isl of Java) with authority to hold the wreck but Capt Moulton made arrangements or an agreement with the one in Authority and we proceeded to load the steamer with tea

Friday Oct 18th
First employed loading steamer with tea Latter part loading tea on board Stafford

Saturday Oct 19th
First loading tea got off our decks loaded, at sundown got under and steamer took us in tow steering W by westward
Latter part at daylight off town of Pangamessie to which the steamer proceeded for the sails of the wreck

Sandalwood Isl Eastward Straits Lombok 1872

Sunday Oct 20th
First light airs from Eastward heading about W about 10 miles off
Middle part Moderate laying about 6 miles from shore in hopes
to sight the steamer which is to tow us to Soerabaya
Latter part Moderate, about 8 AM raised the steamer coming
up astern

Monday Oct 21st
First Moderate from all quarters about 1 PM the small steamer
Semirove hook on to us again steering to along the shore
Middle part toward morning quite rugged wind SW
Latter part at daylight steamer parted first hawser wind the
same steering W

Tuesday Oct 22nd
First wind hauled to SW furled top sails clewed down T sails
broke out water steaming to westward Sumbawa in sight
to Leeward Middle part steering W wind ahead
Latter part steering W all square sails taken in but still we
go Eastward slowly

Wednesday Oct 23rd
First about 18 miles dist from the land at 4 PM Adies Pt
bore about W steamer parted starboard hawser and we sent
on ~~the~~ oars wind to steering W Middle part
wind to steering W & W all sail taken in
Latter heavy Swell with light winds from W at daylight
Lombok peak bore W by S ship about 10 miles off shore

Thursday Oct 24th
First wind hauled to SW made all sail steering along the
Land with heavy swell and head current at 7 PM
entered Lombok straites from the southward wind SW
Middle part strong breze from the southward ship overran the
hawser which caught around stock of starboard anchor carried away cathead

1872

Remarks on board Bk Thafford

Thursday Oct 24th
Latter part at daylight hauled to N & having passed through the straits of Loombok Watch employed in Casting Cathead The best we could for present use also got Starboard anchor off the and bent chain Sent 4 boys

Friday Oct 25th
First calm but a steam boat cares not for calm at sundown strikes ; Bally Loaring Shy washed ship outside Middle part strong breeze from S steering W by N Latter part moderate steering W Sent 4 dg riggers off. out boy

Saturday Oct 26th
First wind from SE steering W by south took out water & Ballast about 11 PM came to anchor in 42 fathoms of water Latter part, about 5 A M. hove up and steamer took us again in tow steaming up for the town at which place we came to anchor in 10 fathoms about 11 A M

Sunday Oct 27th
First all hands employed in various duties moored ship one anchor at E the other at West
Latter part all hands ashore on liberty

Monday Oct 28th
First all hands ashore, Latter part all returned All night employed breaking tea out of Coffin

Tuesday Oct 29th
First setting up main & mast rigging and other work employed Watch all hands on various ship duties

Wednesday Oct 30th
First and Latter parts discharging Coal into a Lighter

from Ty Tamsui Towards Low Wanrabaya [illegible]

Thursday Oct 31st
First 2 Leather parts discharging Teas

Friday Nov 1st
First sent off 1 lighter and stowed provisions in hole
Latter part finished discharging Tea sent ashore in all
1972 Chests large and small

Saturday Nov 2nd
First got off raft of water and stowing back in hold
Latt part getting water on board

Sunday Nov 3rd
First finished stowing off received on board 4 bags beef
20 pickel potatoes some onions and rice Sugar & cabbage
Latter part all hands on a run ashore

Monday Nov 4th
First all hands on a run Middle all hands returned
Latter part got off 2 casks of water and cleared our chains

Tuesday Nov 5th
First hove up starboard anchor and made ready for a start
Latter part at 5 P.M. pilot came on board hove up with
a fair current but wind ahead working for eastern passage
Capt and one boat crew went ashore, about 10½ P.M.
came to anchor in 2½ fathoms about ½ way out to outer buoy

Wednesday Nov 6th
First head wind and head current at 4 P.M. got underway
and Capt arrived about 5 P.M. and at 11 P.M. came to anchor
about 4 miles to S.E. of outer buoy
Latter part at daylight wind light from S.E. got underway
again working to S.E. [illegible] all hands stowing off water

1872

Remarks on board Bk Wakefield from

Thursday Nov 7th
First all hands employed stowing off in the hole at sundown small isl. of Kalatang bore SE by S 1/2 S dist 8 or 10 miles Middle wind from off shore heading E to E by S Latter part moderate from the westward steering along the land refitted larboard boat painted her outside on her bottom

Friday Nov 8th
First light breeze from Northward and by steering along the isl of Java on side bent Kedge on to the flake chains and hawser Middle moderate Latter part wind about S working to windward passed a sand bank off NE point of Java about 3 miles off shore

Saturday Nov 9th
First strong breeze from the Sth working up in room of NE point of Java at sundown furled foretop gt sail - rove new davit tackle falls to larboard boat watch employed variously Middle part wind from southward working up for straits of Bally Latter part at sunrise entered Northern entrance of Bally straits with a fair current wind S employed repairing starboard boats

Sunday Nov 10th
First about 2 PM came to anchor with Kedge in 13 fathoms about 1/2 way through straits on west side 1/2 mile off shore at 5 PM got underway with light airs from NW current setting to Northward Middle light airs from S and SW working Latter part calm drifted in on West shore towed down boat and towed her off saw 2 sails

Monday Nov 11th
First light airs from from the southward working to windward Middle and latter parts wind SE heading SW wind light

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Tuesday Nov 12th
First light airs from the southward & sunset on port tack. at 4 PM tack heading SE the SE point of Java bearing 1½ to 10 miles; Watch employed knotting yarns for sponging Capt repairing his boat. saw 2 sails, Middle part moderate from the southward heading W.N.W. Latter part wind the same heading from W.S.W. employed fitting rail on port side around the cathead

Wednesday Nov 13th
First part overhauled main topg, lifts and fitting starboard boat saw plenty of porpoises and fish also one sail Middle & Latter parts moderate from eastward steering NW saw plenty of porpoise, grampus and finbacks broke out water,

Thursday Nov 14th Lat 10,04 N Lon. E. 112, 26
First Moderate at 8 steering SW fitting cathead on starboard side Lifting it down saw nothing of account Middle & Latter part wind from SE steering SW on cathead saw nothing of account

Friday Nov 15th Lat N 10,50 Lon E 111, 42
First fine breeze from SE steering SW finished cathead and lashed the anchor Capt finished boat, Caught a porpoise Middle & Latter parts winds at SE [illegible] saw nothing but porpoises broke out cask beef 0 3/4 lbs

Saturday Nov 16th Lat N 11, 14 Lon E 109, 15
First Moderate from SE & E steering SW bent main sail Caught 2 porpoises
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from SE set fore sail main sail fore topmast and top gallant mast heads. saw nothing

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Sunday Nov. 17th Lat S. 12, 33 Lon E. 107, 03
First strong breeze at S heading W SW
made a set of hatch coverings from some of the Table
also rove new wheel rope
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the S & steering
SW " saw nothing of account

Monday Nov. 18th Lat. S. 14, 06 Lon. E. 104, 48
First fine breeze from same quarter steering SW by W
bent main top gallant & sail nothing in sight
Middle & Latter parts winds at S & Steering SW
broke out water and flour saw nothing

Tuesday Nov. 19th Lat S. 15, 36 Lon E. 102, 32
First fine breeze from S & steering SW by W sent up
preventer back stay at main top gthead and set up royal
backstays bent awning saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from S & steering SW
bent jib and set it for topmast studding sail

Wednesday Nov 20th Lat S. 17, 11 Lon E 100, 05
First strong breeze from same quarter steering the same
unrigged bow boats crains on bow davit saw one sail
Middle & Latter parts wind at S & steering SW by W
broke out new jib and bent it also rove new fore and main
top gallant clewlines saw nothing

Thursday Nov. 21st Lat S. 18, 46 Lon E. 97, 28
First fine breeze from same quarter from S to SSE
steering SW by W & W set up weather topmast
rigging at fore and tarred the head gear saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from the SE by S
steering SW by W & W made new jib pendants

From Straits of Sunda across the Indian Ocean

1872

Friday Nov 22nd Lat S 20, 26 Lon E 94, 53
First string brace from from S E steering SWbS Split main t'g stay sail and furled Top gallant sails at 4 PM
Middle & Latter parts employed at their set t'g sails employed setting up braces to cross jack yard and repairing Top gallant stay sail saw nothing

Saturday Nov 23rd Lat S 22, 26 Lon E 91, 45
First string SE by S finished Top gallant stay sail also employed grinding axes struck in for first but lost sight Middle & Latter parts joined from E.N.E steering SW, broke out main t'gsail foresail spanker fore t'gmast & mizzen stay sails unbent the old ones and stowed them into the casks

Sunday Nov 24th Lat S, 24, 15 Lon, E, 89, 49
First joined from N E steering SWbS bent main t'gsail foresail spanker and fore t'gmast stay sail, saw nothing Middle part joined & hauled around to about W steering SW by S Latter part, string brace from round to aft steering sails shifted over forwarder casks stays

Monday Nov 25th Lat S 25, 10 Lon E 87, 27
First string joined with fine rain at times barometer down to 29, 70 saw nothing Middle joined ship W SW heading SW, Latter part tacked ship at daylight hauling W employed making new mizzen stay of Manilla stuff

Tuesday Nov 26th Lat S, 25, 55 Lon, E. 86, 35
First joined from W to W NW by the wind on port tack finished and set up mizzen stay saw 2 sails Middle light airs from same quarter heading the same Latter part joined gradually hauled around to W SW steering W NW saw two sail set to S E also broke out water and making a new t'g stay sail

Remarks on board Bk Stafford

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Wednesday Nov 27th Lat S, 24, 25- Lon E. 86 23-
Fresh light airs from S.W steering N.W
finished Top gallant Staysail Made from a
Lower Studding sail Taken from the Wreck
Middle & Latter parts Moderate heading N.W
Set Main Top gallant Staysail and Sent down Upper
Staysail for repairs also Made new starboard
Main Upper brace pendant saw nothing

Thursday Nov 28th Lat S 23, 50- Lon E 85, 5-8
First finished Staysail and Sent it set up on
Fifth to cross jack yard and set up fore top gallant
Rigging Stowed bb slush No 6 saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Weather light from S steering
W NW Employed fitting Windlass Making Spunyarn
and other ways Variously Employed Killed a small Pig

Friday Nov 29th Lat S 23, 24 Lon E 84, 21
First Moderate from S E steering W by N finished
Windlass and overhauled the jib Pendants saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts wind baffling from S E to E N E
steering W by N started cask of pork and broke out Beef
Watch employed making Spunyarn also Made new
fore & Mast Staysail pendants

Saturday Nov 30th Lat S 23, 24 Lon E 84, 21
First wind the same also steering the same Made new
footrope for Main Upper sail yard Starboard side
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from the eastward steering
W by N & W N W Watch employed Making Spunyarn also
Made just footrope for Main Topsail yard

Sunday Dec 1st Lat S, 22, 43 Lon E 80, 24
First wind the same, Course same Bent new Main braces
and Main Staysail sheet saw nothing

Homeward bound across the Indian ocean 1872

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Sunday Dec 1st
Middle & Latter parts Run deviate from the last steering W — saw a school of porpoise

Monday Dec 2nd Lat S 22,50 Lon E 8, 29
First Breezy springs up fresh about 3 PM from ESE steering West saw nothing Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from ESE & steering W Bent out fore & cross yards Watch employed overhauling brace pendants at main

Tuesday Dec 3rd Lat S 23,18 Lon E 75,26
First wind and course the same employed overhauling brace pendants and footropes at fore Set 2 sails at midnight bound to westward
Middle & Latter parts light shifting winds from ESE to NE course NW by W made sail Starboard main topsail brace pendant and overhauled fore topsail lifts

Wednesday Dec 4th Lat S 24,14 Lon E 73,28
First wind the same also the course overhauled main topsail lifts saw nothing at all
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms Watch employed overhauling footropes and lifts saw nothing

Thursday Dec 5th Lat S 24,46 Lon E 72,28
First light airs from NW to NW by S by wind on Starboard tack employed as yesterday Nothing alive here
Middle & Latter parts light unsteady winds from N and NW Watch employed overhauling lifts footropes and brace pendants Nothing to be seen of for a breeze

Friday Dec 6th Lat S 25 10 Lon E
First wind the same steering about SW employed as yesterday saw nothing Middle & Latter parts wind light from NW to W by wind on starboard tack

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Saturday Dec 7th Lat S 25,36 Lon E 71,44
First light airs from W to S tack ship, reading sails on port tack broke out water casks sent down and repair the Mizzen topmast staysail watch also making Spunyarn Middle part light airs and calms Latter part about 10 A M strong breeze sprung up from about S with a heavy swell from W S W took in topgallant sails overhauled fly gib foot rope, saw nothing

Sunday Dec 8th Lat S 25,50 Lon E 71,54
First wind hauled aft 2 points steering W by S made all sail again shooked 4 empty casks to make room below one of the men, David has been off duty sick now 2 days fitted a bolt in main quarter rail for main brace the rail being rotten the other gave way
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from S S E steering W S W saw a school of killers

Monday Dec 9th Lat S 27,12 Lon E 69,06
First wind and course the same wind inclined more to the southward at sundown saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts wind at S E steering W by S broke out cask of bread 178 galls saw nothing

Tuesday Dec 10th Lat S 28,16 Lon E 68,59
First wind at S E steering W ½ S rove new starbd and jib sheet and new block straps to main topsail clewlines
Middle & Latter parts winds from same quarter watch employed variously saw nothing

Wednesday Dec 11th Lat S 29,27 Lon E 69,15
First wind at same pt steering W overhauled jib footrope and spanker vangs Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms watch making Spunyarn

Bound Westward across the Indian ocean 1872

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Thursday Dec 12th Lat, S 29.23 Lon, E 62 08
First light breeze from the N.W. by wind on port tack
watch employed as yesterday Made new mast coat at
Nizzen saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light airs from N.W by wind
on starboard tack broke out beef & pork and started casks from

Friday, Dec, 13th, Lat, S, 29,53 Lon, E. 60, 15
First light airs from northward saw a sail to northward
going Westward watch employed [illegible] saw nothing
Middle & latter parts wind ahead N.W steering N.
employed in various ship duties saw 2 sails

Saturday Dec 14th Lat S, 29.53 Lon E 60.15
First wind from same quarter steering the same Mar's
new jump coating Caught 2 porpoises
Middle & Latter part wind N.W & heading W.N.W by Compass
watch knotting Yarns saw nothing

Sunday Dec 15th Lat S 30,30 Lon, E, 58,01
First Wind hauled forward heading W by the wind washed
paint work inside, nothing in sight
Middle & Latter parts wind from N.N.W at 8 A.M
tacked heading N.W by weather thick with showers of rain

Monday Dec. 16th
First Wind at S E by compass steering W.
Middle & Latter parts light fog disagreable weather
from S. E to S E steering about W.N.W watch grinding
cam Nothing in sight

Tuesday Dec 17th Lat S. sun obscure Lon. E.
First thick drizzle at times kind of hail rain steering W.N.W
by Compass wind about E S E light. watch making spunyarn
saw Nothing Up for a good breeze from same place

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Remarks on board of Bk Stafford on

Tuesday Dec 17th
Middle & Latter parts thick fog with light airs from E & E Steering N W W watch employed variously

Wednesday Dec 18th Lat S. 30,30 Lon E. 53,38
First shared up with wind at N N E steering W N W by Compass whose Var. is about 22° Westerly watch variously employed saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts Light Moderate weather from N N W and N watch employed knitting yarns

Thursday Dec 19th Lat S. 30.43 Lon E. 51,29
First Moderate with light showers wind hauled around to Southward and S E steering W S W, saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts wind about E steering by Compass watch making Spunyarn

Friday Dec 20th Lat S. 30,34 Lon E. 49,07
First wind at same quarter Course same watch employed making Spunyarn saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light Moderate weather from the Northward eastward saw nothing

Saturday Dec 21st Lat S. 30,34 Lon E. 47,32
First wind hauling around to Southward again at 5 P M tacked heading W N W watch making Spunyarn
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from S S E steering W N W by compass broke out water. saw nothing

Sunday Dec 22nd Lat S 30,20 Lon E 45,08
First strong breeze from same quarter steering W by N watch making sennet nothing to be seen
Middle & Latter parts strong Breeze from Southward steering W saw nothing at all

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Monday Dec 23rd Lat S 31,07 Lon E, 42, 20
First wind from S & E & S steering W saw nothing
Middle & Latter part moderate from S & E steering
broke out water flour and corn saw nothing

Tuesday Dec, 24 th Lat S 31,40 Lon, E 39, 48
First fine breeze from S & E steering by W
watch grinding Corn, saw nothing,
Middle & Latter parts moderate from E & SE steering W by W
watch making spunyarn saw nothing

Wednesday Dec 25th Lat S 31,51 Lon E 38,02
First light winds from eastward steering W by N by compass
watch employed making spunyarn nothing to be seen
Middle & Latter parts winds at about E steering W by N
broke out barley and making spunyarn saw nothing

Thursday Dec, 26th Lat S 32, 15 Lon E 36, 19
First weather light from eastward steering W by N by comp.
Var. 26° westerly. watch making spunyarn
Middle & Latter parts fine breeze from E steering W
Same watch employed variously saw nothing

Friday Dec, 27th Lat S 32, 53 Lon E 32, 58
First wind and course the same watch at variou
Middle & Latter parts wind at E steering W
by N watch employed variously saw nothing

Saturday Dec 28th Lat S 33, 30 Lon E 30, 53
First wind light with heavy swell from eastward saw
a sail bound to westward
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from the eastward
steering W N W by compass saw a ship bound to westward

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C 73 Sunday Dec 29th Lat S 33,45 Lon E 28.11
First wind hauled around to westward in strong breze
tacked ship heading N with light sails furled at
7 PM tacked heading SW weather thick and unsettled
Middle part strong breze from W by N heading SW by S
Latter part commenced to blow from W NW came down
to double reef fore topsail and single reef main with foresail
saw a large ship under close reef maintopsail on starboard tack

Monday Dec 30th Lat S 34.44 Lon E 26,54
First weather about the same wind canted to S board a little
more ship heading W and set jib spanker and mainsail
barometer at daylight at commencemeat of blow stood 29,60
at sundown 30 in Middle died out-came
Latter part moderate from SE steering W by N
saw 2 sails bound westward took in waist boat
and put her overhead

Tuesday Dec 31st Lat S 34,40 Lon E 25,10
First fine breze from E by S steering W NW by Compass
saw 4 sail also raised the land at 5 PM bearing from
about N watch employed variously
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze from the eastward
steering W NW bent new flying jib and gaff top
sail saw nothing land supposed to be about 30 m off

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Wednesday Jan 1st Lat S, 34,38 Lon E, 21, 10
First weather moderating steering W NW rove new
flying halliards saw the land all along on starboard
beam, at 6 PM luffed to and sounded in 90 fathoms
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds from westward
working to windward along the land broke out water
and flour

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Thursday Jan 2nd Lat S 34, 50 Lon E, 20, 21,
First wind hauled to southward at 2 PM raised Agulhas light house bearing W ¼ N by compass and at 5 PM passed the light about 8 miles off shore found our Chronometer only 15 M to the eastward, well for her we expected a greater error. Middle & Latter part strong breeze from the eastward steering W N W painted waist boat

Friday Jan 3rd Lat S 34. 50 Lon E 17, 00
First wind at same quarter steering W by N, saw a bark bound to southward
Middle & Latter parts wind from S E to S steering N W watch employed variously Caught 2 porpoises

Saturday Jan 4th Lat S 33, 50 Lon E 13, 33
First wind at S S W steering W by N, saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts wind moderate from eastward steering W Just out waist boat on crains sent down forventer backstays and otherways employed saw nothing

Sunday Jan, 5th Lat S. 34, 36 Lon, E, 11, 51
First breeze springs up from northward heading W by N setting up the casks we knocked down about 2 weeks ago
Middle & Latter parts strong winds from N W ward head by wind on starboard tack saw nothing

Monday Jan, 6th Lat, S 35. 40 Lon E, 9, 54
First wind baffled we to W and S tacked ship heading N W with light sails furled and single reef topsails saw 2 sails bound to S E also 2 finbacks
Middle wind hauled around to eastward moderate breze
Latter part light airs and calms at 7 A M raised a right whale about 1 mile dist lowered the boats in chase starboard boat got just out of dast when he saw her her and away he went to southward boats returned

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Tuesday Jan 6th Lat S 35.04 Lon E 8.19
First Calm employed setting up shrouds
plenty of finbacks and porpoises in sight, saw new
fore t'p, staysail ships
Middle & Latter part calm, watch grinding corn

Wednesday Jan 8th Lat S 35 Lon E 8.19
First light airs from northward about 1 PM raised
light whales going to eastward lowered boats in chase
and Starboard boat struck them being 2 whales together
Larboard boat went on and got stove without fastening
when waist boat got struck loose whale, turned them
up and got them along side at 7 PM
Middle watch breaking out and reaving cutting gear
Latter part employed cutting

Thursday Jan 8th
First finished boiling and started the works
Middle boiling Latter part boiling also lowered down
Mate and 2nd Mate for more whales waist boat struck

Friday Jan 10th
First boiling and towing whale toward the ship
Middle got whale to ship at 11 PM turned all hands below
Latter part cutting saw a whaler with boats chasing whales
saw 5 whales about 2 miles and Mate & 3rd Mate went
down in Starboard boat and hooked on to another
fellow a regular racer

Saturday 11th Lat S 35.12 — Lon E 8.53
First, turned whale up and got him along side at
sundown Capt & 2nd mate had cut in the other
the bark to windward has taken whales also
Middle boiling Latter part cutting

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Cruising in Atlantic ocean Jan 1873

Sunday Jan 12th Lat S. Lon E.
First finished cutting and started work again
Middle and Latter parts employed boiling

Monday Jan. 13th Lat S. Lon E
First boiling and stowing down oil spoke and
jammoned Bk Atlantic, Brown with 30 sp, and
boiling a right whale Middle boiling
Latter part boiling and running oil, started 3 casks bread

Tuesday Jan. 14th Lat S Lon E
First boiling jammoned the Atlantic again
and Capt bought 30 bbls of shooks of her
Middle & Latter parts boiling and setting up shooks

Wednesday Jan. 15th Lat S. 35,12 Lon. E. 7,23
First boiling about 4 P.M. raised a large sp. whale
which we had seen before in the forenoon and lost sight of
he being going quick, but he came back in sight again
at 9 P.M. lowered boats in chase struck, killed, and
got whale along side at 10 P.M. and set ~~turned~~ all
hands below Latter part cutting and running
oil below finished boiling right whales

Thursday Jan 16th Lat S. Lon E
First cutting and stowing oil stowed 30 bbls
Middle stowing down oil Latter part cutting

Friday Jan 17th
First finished cutting hove in junk and case
Middle part bailing case got about 15 bbls
Latter part started works also 3 casks of bread one of
corn & barley heather getting rigged ship ablever
on one side broke running machine

Remarks on board Bk Stafford of Hull

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Saturday Jan 18th
First Weather more of the best but she behaves
well for the load she carries Latter part
weather better employ boiling and stowing down oil

Sunday Jan 19th
First stowing down, cutting blubber and boiling
we are pretty well jamed up but we can stand that
Middle and Latter parts boiling and breaking out
and starting bread flour and meat have all bread
flour and small stores in cabin and meat stowed on
the casks in the hole

Monday Jan 20th
First Weather light with heavy swell sealded
about 15 bbls of whale oil we load in casks and
got straitened up a little
Middle & Latter parts boiling and stowing down
strong breeze from the Southward steering N NE

Tuesday Jan 21st
First rugged nasty weather at 7 PM finished boiling
blubber or body cooled down for the night two rugged to
clear away the junk, Middle steering N W W all off & set
Latter part weather better employed stowing down and
clearing away junk

Wednesday Jan 22nd
First started fires again on boiling junk, also stowing
oil blocked off starboard side of main hatch
Middle Moderate steering N. finished boiling turned
up 105 bbls Latter part steering the same stowing
off on port side of main hatch and clearing up generally
Fast Nothing

1879

Cruising in Atlantic ocean homeward bound 73

Thursday Jan 23d Lat S Lon W
First light airs and calms employed stowing off in main hatch
Middle & latter parts moderate from the westward steering
NbE & finished in main hole blocked off the hatchway

Friday Jan 24th Lat S 31 00 Lon W 04,32
First took out in after hole and stowed oil and nothing
at 4 PM breze sprang up from SW steering WbS &
Middle & latter part strong breze from SW with rain
steering NWW

Saturday Jan 25th Lat S 29,54 Lon W 4,43
First weather the same no signs for the better
Middle & latter parts rainy disagreable weather
from SW steering from NW to W Nothing in sight

Sunday Jan 26
First wind hauled round more to eastward and weather
cleared employed stowing off in after hatch
Middle & latter parts fine breze from SW to W &
heading NWW Nothing in sight

Monday Jan 27th Lat S 25,55 Lon W 0,50
First wind at W & heading along on starboard tack
from NNW to NW saw nothing of account
Middle part wind at SW heading N fine breze
Latter part wind from same quarter finished stowing oil
have blocked off after hatch and stowed 103 bbls sperm
and 194 bbls whale

Tuesday Jan 28th Lat S 29,54 Lon W 0,21
First wind from same quarter employed stowing off
in fore hatch and clearing up generaly. saw nothing
Middle & latter parts wind carried more to southward steering
NW & watch employed scraping bone

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Wednesday Jan 28th Lat S 21,45 S Lon W 2,41
First wind from S & steering N E by N ½ N
finished scraping bone saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts steering N N E to N
employed washing bone

Thursday Jan 30th Lat S 19, 13 Lon W 03, 20
First wind from S & steering N N E washing bone
Middle & Latter parts steering from N N E to N N W
finished washing bone saw nothing

Friday Jan 31st Lat S 17, 25 Lon W 3, 51
First winds at S & steering from N by E to N N E by N
employed assorting potatoes drying bone and washing
paint work Nothing to be seen at sundown
Middle & Latter parts steering N N W employed
drying bone and assorting potatoes and various other duties

Saturday Feb 1st Lat S 16,00 Lon W 5,41
First steering along to westward to sight the land
having run over the spot where the island of St Helena
should be by reckoning and 30 miles to westward seeing
Nothing to westward Concluded the land must be to eastward
so hauled her by the wind on starboard tack heading N E by E
Middle & Latter part on starboard tack heading E N E at
7 A M tacked heading S S W at 9 A M raised the Island
bearing E S E true

Sunday June 2nd Lat S Lon W
First watch employed grinding Corn at 4 P M tacked
heading E by N weather end of Isl. bearing at sundown E by N
Middle part working up for the land
Latter part about 10 A M came to anchor off the town
in 28 fathoms Bks Pacific Nawan and
Greyhound here at anchor

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Orbit at Anchor at Jamestown Isle St Helena

Monday Feb 3rd
First all hands ashore and returned at sundown
Latter part employed breaking out oil to ship by the
Whaling Bk Pacific of New Bedford

Tuesday Feb 4th
First landed 58 bbls of whale oil on b[illegible] of Bk Pacific
in good order and condition also landed three ashore
Read and received in return 18 bundles of old shooks
Latter part employed washing ship out side Carpenter
[illegible] repairing Larboard boat by the job

Wednesday Feb 5th
First Washing and painted bends on starboard side
Latter part Getting up shooks and painting Capt hired
2 Coopers from shore our Cooper being off duty with a large
boil on his hand

Thursday Feb 6th
First setting up shooks Latter part setting up shooks
and packing meat and head into casks

Friday Feb 7th
First & Latter parts painting and stowing [illegible]

Saturday Feb 8th
This day employed painting finished starboard bends
the Carpenter finished his job Cooper still at work on shooks

Sunday Feb 9th
First painted stern and stowed Water casks [illegible] Bk Pacific
sailed this morning Latter [illegible] All hands on board

Monday Feb 10th
First & Latter parts giving chest [illegible] painting

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Remarks on board Bk Stafford while at

Tuesday Feb 11th
First Starboard watch ashore on liberty employed painting outside also took 75 bbls of water from the boat discharged the cooper from shore Seattle part using part watch on liberty

Wednesday Feb 12th
First watch on liberty weather rainy employed inside preparatory to painting
Seattle part painting inside and out

Thursday Feb 13th
First employed painting received on board our provisions and casings from the shore Breakfast 8 A.M. Seattle part finished painting out side also took 6 bbls of stock Capt bought a force pump from the Ship

Friday Feb 14th
First Weather rainy Seattle part rainy

Saturday Feb 15th
First finished painting inside for the present Seattle part about 11 A.M. all hands being on board got underway and proceeded to sea heading E.N.E.

Sunday Feb 16th
First employed stowing anchors at 1 P.M. raised a bark cutting run down and spoke her proved the Bk Seancer of N Bedford cutting a large whale taken Yesterday Seattle part cruising off to windward of the island from 4 to 15 miles distant saw a whale bark bound in to anchor but no signs of whales

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Monday Feb 17th
First cruising off to S E of the island with strong breeze and rugged Middle and Latter parts working to windward [illegible] & home Sacks but saw nothing

Tuesday Feb 18th
First string keys run off into NW and at sundown hauled our wind inshore again tried our portable pumps the Capt bought of the U S Ferry an Boner bark Condemned while we lay at anchor found it works very well Middle & Latter parts cruising to leather side of Island saw 5 sails but no whales

Wednesday Feb 19th
First [illegible] the same as above saw a sperm just at dark but could not make it out employed assorting [illegible] the rove ones & [illegible] Sacks 2 3/4 Manilla Middle & Latter parts cruising around to windward of the Island saw 1 whaler and 4 merchantmen

Thursday Feb 20th
First cruising to S E & S of island saw nothing and at dark steered away to NW passing to W of the island Watch employed variously
Middle & Latter part steering to Westward broke out water

Friday Feb 21st
First steering the same employed turning up fore topmast & studs'ls
Middle & Latter part steering NW finished fore topmast and t'gallant backstays

Saturday Feb 22nd Lat 13,25 Lon 9,01
First [illegible] beef and flour Cooper setting up shooks

Remarks on board Bk Stafford from

Saturday Feb 22nd
Middle, Latter part's under the lee steering
N.W. by Compass employed variously

Sunday Feb 23rd Lat S 12 38 Lon W 10, 05
First made and breather the same Watch employed
Making oil [illegible] nothing
Middle Steering N.W.
Latter part about 8 A.M. raised a large school
of small whales going into S.W. at 9 A.M. lowered & [illegible]
in chase all three boats fastened

Monday Feb 24th Lat S 11, 51 Lon W 11. 07
First Whales past out to windward got whales along
side at 5. P.M. Love cutting gear and rolled one in
Middle part at 8 P.M. turned all hands below
Latter part finished cutting & drove off

Tuesday Feb 25th Lat S 11 27 Lon W 9, 03
First started works made all steering N.W.
Middle Luffed to on port tack under topsails
Latter part boiling made all sail steering N

Wednesday Feb 26th Lat S 10, 14 Lon W 12 15
First boiling steering N about 9 P.M. raised a bark
which appeared to be whaling and at 4 P.M. raised
her boats and at 5 P.M. saw the whales about 8 miles
dist, going quick to S.W. did not lower no sights at all
Luffed by wind on port tack heading S.W.
Middle finished boiling turned up 98 lbs
Latter part heading to eastward saw nothing
employed clearing up

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Thursday Feb 27th Lat S 10,00 Lon W 12,38
First heading by the wind on starboard tack, Watch employed variously Middle squared away N W & Latter part heading the same Made & new lance warps for the boats and other ways employed

Friday Feb 28th Lat S 8,20 Lon W 12,23
First more ship heading N & Made out list of seizing for topmast backstays saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts heading from N to NW saw a white seater to leeward. but saw nothing more

Saturday Mar 1st Lat S 8,42 Lon W 13,57
First at 1 PM raised the Isl of Ascension bearing N W saw 2 sails but no signs of whales
Watch employed variously at 4 PM hauled by wind on starboard tack with all sail set heading S W
Middle Standing on starboard tack heading S W
Latter part by wind on port tack &c employed making out and running rigging saw nothing

Sunday Mar 2nd Lat S 8,05 Lon W 13,55
First employed stowing oil stowed 97 bbls and stowed back in fore hold stowed 5 casks down main hatch for present use not very much
Middle & Latter employed in sighting Island of Ascension distant from 15 20 miles saw 2 signs of whales

Monday Mar 3rd Lat S Lon W
First Standing on port tack at sundown tacked & heading S W saw 2 sailing vessels and one steamer
Middle at anchor to windward of the island
Latter part at daylight squared away round the land saw nothing Watch employed variously

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Remarks on board of Bk Stafford from

Tuesday Mar 4th
First Moderate. Run down to Leeward of Island and as Capt went ashore and posted letters they reported Bk President as Sinking Shore is dispatched at 5 P.M. Boat returned and keep away NW and bade adieu to Isl of Ascension
Middle & Latter parts Moderate steering to NW

Wednesday Mar 5th Lat S 7,24 Lon W 15,3
First Moderate steering the same watch employed setting up Lower main rigging and turning up Main Topmast backstays Saw Nothing
Middle & Latter parts winds light from SE steering finished setting up rigging

Thursday Mar 6th Lat S 6,51 Lon W 16,0
First winds and currs the same watch employed assorting potatoes Saw Grampus
Middle had quite a smart shower of rain
Latter part wind at same employed in rigging

Friday Mar 7th Lat S 6,12 Lon W 17,51
First steering NW wind SE broke out pork
Middle & Latter parts winds light from S and easterly steering NW watch employed variously

Saturday Mar 8th Lat S 5,15 Lon W 19,07
First steering the same winds light employed grinding Corn Saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts steering from W by S to NW Saw nothing

Sunday Mar 9th Lat S 4,04 Lon W 20,33
First weather light fitted up cloth to the foretopsail Saw nothing

Isl. of Ascension homeward Mar. 1873

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Sunday Mar 9th
Middle & Latter parts ... and calms Saw nothing

Monday Mar 10th Lat C, 3,45 Lon W, 21, 05
First calm ... to be seen
Middle & Latter parts rainy with squalls, made
sail & sails working to southward

Tuesday Mar 11th
First rain squalls and baffling winds ... sails
close reef Middle & Latter Parts Calm

Wednesday Mar, 12th Lat S 3,45 Lon W 21,05
First light breeze from southward saw nothing
Middle light baffling winds
Latter part light airs and calms watch employed
variously ... take out reef

Thursday Mar, 13th Lat S. 2,57 Lon W, 21, 2
First light breezes from the S and westward with rain
squalls and cramps and showers of blackfish
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds and calms
with rain showers saw nothing

Friday Mar, 14th Lat S, 1,35 Lon W, 21, 43
First smart breeze from NW & heading ... watch employed
variously saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from SW and W
saw 2 sails bound S steered and lost sight of them

Saturday Mar, 15th Lat S 1,00 Lon W 21, 42
First light airs from W S W by wind on port tack
watch employed variously in the rigging saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light airs from the westward
saw ... lowered ... saw nothing

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Sunday Mar 16th Lat S 24,35 Lon W
First Calm hauld out our bone a dried it and stowed it in the run
Middle & Latter parts light baffling winds saw one sail bound southward

Monday Mar 17th Lat N 0,08 Lon W 21 3
First light airs from the eastward saw nothing
Middle & Latter part light airs from eastward saw
N, saw blackfish towed no boat out got it in

Tuesday Mar 18th Lat 1,04 N Lon W 21, 30
First about calm watch employd cleaning iron work
saw one sail, Middle part took strong breze from
N E & reading N by W Latter part wind
at same parts reading along about W Latter part
cleaning iron work saw blackfish

Wednesday Mar 19th Lat N 1,18 Lon W 23, 01
First fine breze from N E by N have got the trades
now without doubt broke out water saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts winds light from N N E
watch cleaning ironwork

Thursday Mar 20th
First Moderate from N N E reading along N W
Middle & Latter parts strong winds at N reading
N N W Cleaning & painting ironwork

Friday Mar 21st Lat N 2,32 Lon W 26,48
First storm wind at N saw nothing employd
as yesterday caught a porpoise, a small change
Middle & Latter parts reading from N N W to W N W
by the wind broke out flour 1 bag

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Saturday Mar 22nd Lat N 3,22 Lon W 28,04
First part strong breze at NNE heading along NW
watch employed variously Middle part strong breze
parted fore topgallant backstay but fortunately nothing
else gave way got up cutting guys for backstays
Latter part strong winds at NNE got preventer
on main topgallant mast head saw nothing

Sunday Mar 23rd Lat N 4,16 Lon W 32,25
First breze moderates a little set fore T.g sail
got preventer backstays on weather side saw nothing
save new jib sheet Middle & Latter parts strong
winds heading NE by E saw nothing

Monday Mar 24th Lat N 6,17 Lon W 34,03
First strong winds heading NNW with topgallant sails
furled Middle weather dark and lowery
Latter part strong winds at NE heavy swell washed
away one head rail on port side Watch employed as

Tuesday Mar 25th Lat N Lon W
First weather the same heading NNW NW by compass
set up preventer backstays forward saw nothing
seizing on eye of fore rigging parted no harm done
Middle part strong winds from NE
Latter part broke out beef pork and water and saw
3 small casks of oil

Wednesday Mar 26th Lat N 30 18 Lon W 33,00
First [illegible] winds employed stowing beef in main
hatch Middle & Latter parts winds same
Watch employed variously

Remarks on board of Bk Stafford Whle

Thursday Mar 26th Lat N 2,25 Lon W [illegible]
First strong breeze and cloudy when at 5 PM raised a school of Sp whales going into SW lowered and about 20 min after sundown Capt last boat fastened after which Larboard boat killing whale with Com Middle part after larboard stuck whales started to run and fast whale of Capt boats run with them & Com Clark and after timing 3 loose whales going to get to the last one it being engaged and also mine after getting his boat stove Mr Lawrence cut line at 10 PM took dead whale along side at 9 PM
Latter part cut in whale and cleared away for boiling

Friday Mar 28th sun obscure
First cleared away head and cut up body another Bark in sight. saw one sail
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze [illegible] to Com'd Ward to see if could not find some of the dead whales that must be around here somewhere
Started work at daylight

Saturday Mar 29th Lat N 12,34 Lon W 22,57
First finished boiling turned up 8 Bls Sperm Casks out 6 Sperm
Middle & Latter part strong breeze Ships working to windward on 12 hour tacks under single reef topsails carried Main topgallant backstays saw nothing

Sunday Mar 30th Lat N 12,17 Lon W 22,34
First strong breeze and cloudy sent down topgallant backstays and sent up fore ones be brought in Variable
Middle & Latter parts strong breezes cruising around in search of the whales but saw nothing

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Cruising on 12 x 40 ground homeward bound

Monday Mar 31st Lat N 12,55 Lon W 92,42
First two p.m. at sundown reading S.S.
Latter part daylight raised school Sp whales
close to ship lowered boats and got 3 small ones
took them along side at 12 PM Whales going to westward

Tuesday Apr 1st Lat N 12 10 Lon W 92,00
First two cutting gear and at in whales unrove
gear and cleared away heads Middle part boiling
Latter part the same Saw nothing

Wednesday Apr 2nd Lat N 11 52 Lon W 4,54
First boiling, strong breeze NE Middle & Latter
finished boiling turned up 28 bbls saw nothing

Thursday Apr 3rd Lat N 12,18 Lon W 92, 2
First heading to SE hatch emptyed cruising as generally
Middle & Latter parts & latter hove to
broke ont water saw nothing

Friday Apr 4th Lat N Lon W
First cruising around in vicinity of where we saw the
whales saw below 3 small casks of oil saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts strong breeze at daylight
set top gallant sails and kept her NW & under fore
top gallant backstays

Saturday Apr 5th Lat N 12,12 Lon W 92 57
First steering NW got backstays aloft forward and set up
the main by backstays found fly jib stay stranded in
boom came up with it and spliced it and set it up
at sundown shortened sail and hoped to see whales
Latter part steering NW by N
Sent crew fore top gallant sail & sent down main
top gallant yard 2 cubic

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Sunday Apr 6th Lat N 12,21 Lon W 42,1
First steering W by N wind at E & E employed repairing Fore top stay sail
Middle & Latter parts steering NW sent stay sail

Monday Apr 7th Lat N 14,07 Lon W 44,31
First winds at E & E steering NW saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts winds at E steering NW to NW by W employed breaking out for steering oil in Main hatch

Tuesday Apr 8th Lat 15.30 Lon W 45,30
First moderate weather at E steering NW by W stowed down 25 bbs today saw nothing at all
Middle & Latter parts weather moderate steering NW by W Cooper repairing cask for Main hatch stowed one cask of oil saw nothing

Wednesday Apr 9th Lat N 16,30 Lon W 47,15
First moderate steering NW assorted over potatoes and otherways carriously employed saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts light moderate weather from NE steering NW hatch employed grinding corn

Thursday Apr 10th Lat N 17,46 Lon W 50,07
First light breeze from NE steering NW finished stowing stowed 38 bbs 22 galls saw nothing
stowed down 66 of slush NW
Middle & Latter part light moderate weather from NW hauled up our bone and dried it saw nothing

Friday Apr 11th Lat N 18,25 Lon W 51,07
First calm saw a hump back going into NE quick bundled our bone and stowed it in the main
Middle & Latter parts moderate from NW & NE loading hatches down Mizzen topmast stay sail for repairs

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Saturday Apr 12th
First light breze springs up from NNE heading NW
finished and bent stay sail saw blackfish going to windward
Middle & Latter parts moderate from ENE
repaired hose & force pump saw nothing

Sunday Apr 13th — Lat N 19,37 Lon W 54,18
First moderate as above serve new fly jib sheets saw
2 sails bound to westward
Middle & Latter parts fine weather from ENE course NW

Monday Apr 14th Lat N 21,27 Lon W 55,00
First wind and weather as above saw nothing
Middle & Latter parts moderate from SE steering NW
broke out flour and employed cleaning iron work off windlass

Tuesday Apr 15th Lat N 22,38 Lon W 56,14
First moderate at SE by Compass steering NW by W
coaltarred the windlass saw nothing
Middle wind at SE steering NW Latter parts
rain squalls from the SE saw a 3 masted schooner

Wednesday Apr 16th Lat N 23,36 Lon W 57,16
First wind hauled around to W heading NW W by Wind
on port tack, regular April weather, saw grampus
Middle & Latter parts light baffling airs with showers rain
saw one sail bound to northward

Thursday April 17th Lat N 23,52 Lon W 57,35
First calm coaltarred the head gear Ethe ~~chain~~ chain
Middle & Latter parts, wind moderate at NW ship working
to windward saw a schooner bound southward

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Friday Apr 18th Lat N 24.56 Lon W 57, 01
First winds at NW to NNW by wind on port tack
at Sundown tacked heading W by N, saw a schooner
bound southward No sights of Whales
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calm trying
to get northward one sail in sight bound N W

Saturday April 19th Lat N 25, 05 Lon W 57, 22
First light airs from the SE steering N W broke out ha
Middle at 10 AM breeze springing up from South and W
steering N W fine breeze Nothing in sight at daylight
braced hauled forward a little, Employed Variously

Sunday Apr 20th Lat N 26, 43 Lon W 59, 42
First strong breeze with rain showers braced at 8h
3 PM hauled around into W NW by ship heading N
Middle strong breeze heading from N to NW
Latter part wind at W heading NW & saw nothing

Monday Apr 21st Lat N 28, 40 Lon W 59, 58
First light airs and calms, wind hauling around
to SE light airs broke out beef & pork
Middle & Latter parts light airs and calms

Tuesday April 22nd Lat N 29, 06 Lon W 60, 51
First light breeze from S steering NW by W set up
fore topmast and topgallant backstays
Middle & Latter parts moderate breeze ship by
wind on port tack heading from NW to N saw nothing

Wednesday Apr 23rd Lat N 29, 56 Lon W 60, 49
First Calm Lately employed variously painted the
bare places on the plankshear, saw killers
Middle part moderate wading W by N on the wind
Latter part wind at NE with heavy rain steering W by N

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Thursday Apr. 24th Lat N 30, 25 Lon W 62, 38
First wind hauled around to SSW steering W
saw nothing / caught about 1866 rain water today.
Middle wind hauled to westward strong breeze took in light
sails close reef fore and single reef main topsails heading
NW by W Latter part moderated made all sail tacked
heading W by SW by the wind saw nothing

Friday Apr 25th Lat N 30, 20 Lon W 63, 48
First light breez from NW heading W by SW saw nothing
Middle wind hauled to southward tacked heading NW by W
Latter part wind at W by W light broke out flour

Saturday Apr 26th Lat N 30, 44 Lon W 64, 55
First strong breez from SW heading along NW by W if
this wind will only stand we may be able to hold our own
last bag of flour in the pantry and other stores look small
Middle strong breez from SW by W heading NW by W by the
wind under topsails and courses
Latter part at daylight wind struck out from NW in a smart
squall. single reefed topsails tacked heading SW by W

Sunday Apr 27th Lat N 31, 20 Lon W 67, 05
First wind still at NW and heading along W by S
at sun down set topgallant sails heading the same
saw one sail bound south
Middle & Latter parts moderate winds at NW ship
on port tack. provisions getting low came down to
an allowance of bread and meat flour once a day in
Cabin saw one sail off lee quarter

Monday Apr. 28th Lat N. 30.38 Lon W. 68.31
First light moderate from NW spoke and boarded
Amer Barkentene Curacao, bound to Curacao 4 days
from NYork. Capt bought 1 bbl of flour of him

1879

Tuesday Apr. 28th Lat N 30.30 Lon W 68.31
Middle & Latter part calm. saw porpoise
We feel a little better today as we have something to eat

Tuesday Apr 29th Lat N 30.41 Lon W 68.54
First a light breez from SSE steering W N W Watch
employed Variously saw 4 sails bound Westward
Middle strong breeze from S W with squalls steering W
Furled light sails. Latter part strong breeze from
S W about 11 A M hauled around to W N W Made all sail
heading N. saw Nothing

Wednesday April 30th Lat N 32.48 Lon W 69.10
First strong whole sail breeze from W N W heading N
saw a finback also 1 sail bound Southward
Middle part moderate from W N W heading N
Latter part. wind breez" from N W strong. Took
in light sails and one reef in topsails heading N N W

Thursday May 1st Lat N 34.30 Lon W 69.18
First strong breez at N W at sundown wind hauled
into N W & set whole M. topsail and fly jib wore ship
heading N N Middle fine heading N W wind at W
Latter part fine breez from W steering N W N
broke out water and oiled spare irons in sun

Friday May 2nd Lat N 35.37 Lon W 71.02
First Moderate at S E steering N W employed
plaining decks saw 2 sails
Middle wind at S S E strong breez steering N W & W N W
struck southern edge of stream
Latter part wind at daylight S E thick and rainy at noon
at S W rainy crossed gulf. steering N W

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Saturday May 3rd
First thick and rainy from S W & South strong breez
barometer falling rapidly at sundown falling at 29,56
wind dying and thick fog setting on at 7 PM huffed to
and sounded. no bottom at 75 fth saw a brig bound S
Middle part strong winds from S W to S S E steering N W &
Latter part at daylight moderate fresh & thick fog barometer
down to 29,36 at 9 A.M wind struck out of S E thick and rainy
ship heading N W under reef topsails & courses. took up sheathing

Sunday May 4th Lat sun observe Lon
First wind at N E thick ship heading N W by W shocked
empty casks on deck and stowed them below at dark
sounded in 35 fathoms bore ship heading E S E saw a sail
Middle wind same at midnight tacked heading W N W
Latter part cold and clear wind hauled into W by tacked
heading N W & saw 6 sails bound toward the land
broke out bread and stowed slops into the cask also broke part

Monday May 5th Lat N Lon W
First about 2 P.M the wind hauled to S by W moderate breze
steering N by E stowed some guns away and planed knotts
off decks

Whales seen and taken by Bk Stafford, from Oct. 1870 to May 1873

When. By whom raised, Oil stowed, & Bounties due.

	Times		Sot.	Stowed Lbs.		Sot.	Stowed Lbs.	Bounties due.	Cash
Capt. Moulton.	9	Nov 8th 1870	4	40.	Nov. 15th 1870	0	0.		
" "		Dec. 30 " 71	0	0.	May 15. " 71	0	0.		
"		Feb. 14 " 72	2	50.	July 2 " 72	0	0.		
"		July 22. " 72	1	5.	Jan. 1 " 73	1	60. R.W.		
"		Jan. 14. " 73	1	100.					
Mr. King.	2	July 22 1871	1	25.	Feb. 11 1872	2	55.		
Mr. Lawrence.	10	Nov 7. 1870	0	0.	Nov. 14. 1870	1	90.		
" "		Mar 24. " 71	3	90.	Mar. 27. " 71	0	0.		
" "		Sept 26 " 71	2	27.	Oct. 14. " 71	3	40.		
" "		Oct 16 " 71	0	0.	Nov. 27 " 71	1	40.		
" "		Feb. 4 " 72	5	150.	Mar. 31. " 73	3	97.		
Mr. Silva.	2	Sept 27 1871	0	0.	Jan. 8 1873	1	60. R.W.		
Asa Holmes.	9	May 8. 1871	0	0.	May 12 1871	1	65.		
" "		Oct 24. " 71	1	13.	Jan. 6 " 72	1	50.		
" "		Apr. 15. " 72	2	34. R.W.	Jan. 5 " 73	0	0. R.W.		
" "		Jan. 6. " 73	2	70.	Feb. 23 73	3	35		
" "		Mar 26 " 73	1	8.					
P. F. Hollywood.	2	Apr 22 1872	5	56.	Sept. 12. 1872	4	40.		
H. Mortimer.	2	Mar. 22 1871	3	35.	Feb. 5 1872	0	0.		
W. Marchado.	1	Oct. 5. 1871	1	10.					
B. Rosa.	1	Feb. 18. 1872	0	0.					
C. Gifford.	1	Mar 21 1871	4	35.					
J. Wood.	2	May 27. 1871	0	0.	July 21 1872	0	0.		
C. Mosedorf.	1	Aug 1. 1872	2	18.					
L. Monier.	1	July 13. 1871	2	35.					
J. Mendall.	1	Aug 10. 1871	1	67.					

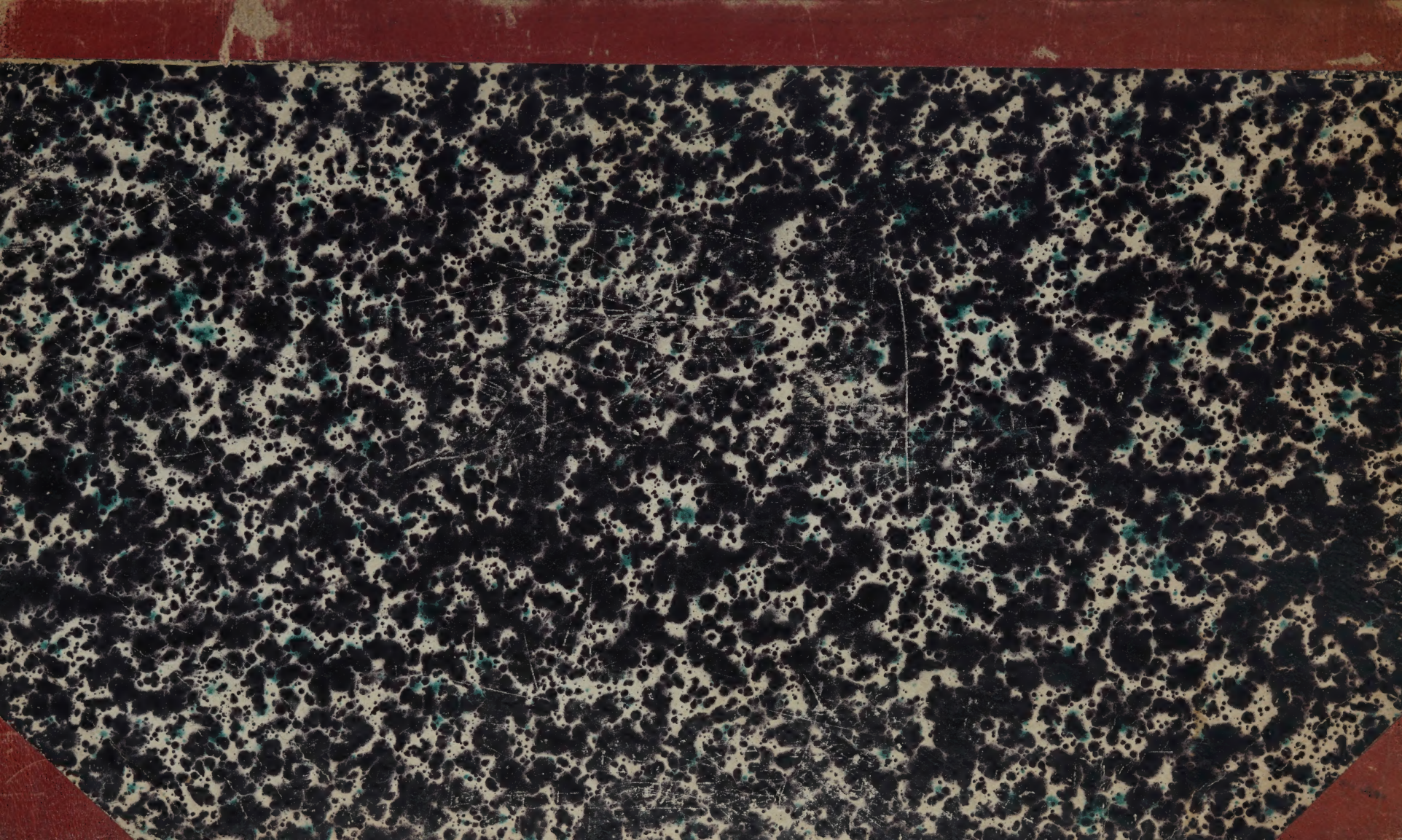
Amount of provisions consumed.

	Bread.		Flour.	
1870				
	Oct 21st	one cask 237 Galls	Oct 29th	1 cask 10 bags
	Nov 19th	" " 238 Galls	Nov 21st	" " 14 "
1871			1871	
	Feb 22nd	" " 216 "	Jan 17th	1 cask 14 bags
	Apr 15th	" " 216 "	Mar 9nd	1 " 14 "
	June 19th	" " 240 "	Apr 15th	1 " 12 "
	Aug 4th	" " 224 "	May 31st	" 15 "
	Sept 21st	" 236 "	July 27th	" 14 "
	Oct 19th	" 243 "	Sept 21st	" 15 "
	Nov 26th	" 246 "	Nov 11th	" 12 "
1872			Dec 29nd	" 14 "
	Feb 1st	" 240 "	1872	
	Mar 15th	177 "	Feb 13th	12 "
	May 20th	201 "	Mar 20th	12 "
	July 1st	177 "	May 4th	15 "
	Aug 10th	170 "	June 21st	14 "
	Sept 19th	263 "	Aug 16th	15 "
	Dec 9th	178 "	Sept 27th	12 "
1873	Jan 19th	223	Dec 12th	16 "
	Apr 9th	199 "	1873	
			Jan 19th	12 bags

On Board Bark Stafford.

1870.

Beef.		Pork.		Molasses.	
Oct 21st	1 bbl.	Oct 21st	1 bbl.	Oct 25th	25 Gals
" 29th	1 bbl.	Nov. 3rd	3 5/4 "	Dec. 30th	96 "
Nov. 9th	1 "	Jan. 13th	1 bbl.	1871	
" 17th	1 "	1871		Mar. 31st	102 "
Dec 4th	1 "			Aug 12th	115 "
" 14th	4 3/4 "	Jan. 31st	1 bbl	Nov 11th	118 "
1871				~~May 8th~~	~~11~~ "
Jan 26th	1 bbl.	Feb. 9th	1 bbl	1872	
Feb 4th	1 "	Mar 10th	1 "	May 8th	111 gals
" 13th	4 1/2 "	Apr. 1st	1 bbl	Sept 26th	22 "
Mar 28th	1 1/2 " old	" 21st	1 bbl		
Apr 13th	1 bbl.	May 10th	3 3/4 lbs		
" 21st	1 bbl	Aug 5th	3 3/4		
May 1st	4 1/2 bbl	Oct 19th	1 bbl		
June 6th	1 bbl	Nov. 4th	1 "		
" 13th	5 "	" 20th	1 "		
July 13th	5 lbs	Dec. 5th	1 "		
Aug 13th	4 1/2 bbls	" 19th	4 1/4 "		
Sept 8th	5 1/4 bbls	1872 Mar. 8th	5 lbs	1872	
" 15th	1 bbl	May 7th	4 3/4 bbl		
Oct 10th	1 bbl	Aug. 11th	4 1/4		
" 19th	4 1/2 bbls	Nov 29th	5 lbs		
Nov 26th	5 lbs	1873			
Dec 28th	4 bbls	Feb. 14th	1 lb		
1872		Mar 6th	1 bbl		
Jan 20th	4 1/2 bbls	" 26	5 lbs		
Feb 25th	5 1/2 "				
Mar 29th	5 1/4				
May 7th	4 1/2 bbls				
June 4th	5 1/4				
July 27th	4 bbls				
Aug. 28th	4 1/2 bbls				
Oct 2	2 1/2 bbl				
Nov	14th	3 3/4 "			

Beef	
Jan 14th	5 bbls
Jan 26th	1 "
April 7th	1 "
" 21st	1 "

Thursday Mar 7, 872 Tobey & Juliet
July 3 1871 Hopey & Limbach